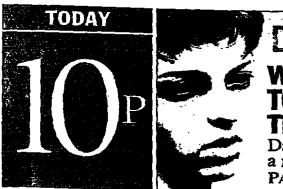


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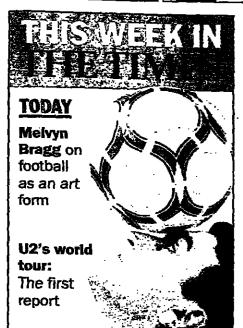
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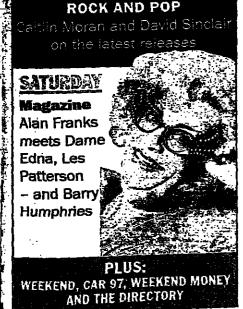
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Challengers emerge as Major tries to silence talk of a landslide defeat Portillo and Heseltine

would fight for crown

MICHAEL HESELTINE and be able to count on the backing of Michael Portillo emerged yesterday at the head of an eight-man field that will run for the Tory leadership if John Major goes down to heavy defeat on Thursday.

The Deputy Prime Minister's supporters say privately that he still has the energy and ambition to challenge for the ultimate office. They believe that his strong performance in the campaign, including an apparent shift towards the Eurosceptics, will have helped his

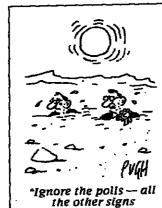
Senior party figures believe that in any run-off with a right-wing candidate Mr Heseltine would get the backing of Mr Major and Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor.

Mr Portillo, the Defence Secretary, has long been considered a leading contender of the Right and will throw his hat into the ring. His supporters are making discreet efforts to broaden his base within the parliamentary party, and The Times has learnt that some leading figures on the centre-left have been approached to join his campaign when it rolls.

Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, John Redwood, the former Welsh secretary. Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary, Mr Clarke, William Hague, the Welsh Secretary, and Malcolm Rifkind, ihe Foreign Secretary, are all believed to be ready to go for the leadership, Norman Lamont could be a ninth, running on a ticket to withdraw from the European

Although Mr Major is refusing to contemplate anything other than victory on Thursday, close supporters say that he will be urged to make it plain immediately, if he loses, that he will stand down - but only after an interval sufficient to allow an orderly

transition.
Mr Redwood, who had already challenged Mr Major once and who is unencumbered by recent Cabinet office, is certain to be the first out of the starting-blocks. A Redwood supporter is expected to be the first to call for a contest if the Tories lose the election. Mr Howard is seen as a heavyweight candidate for the Right and would



are very positive"

several influential ministers, who believe that he has been underused during the campaign.

Senior ministers who will play a pivotal role in any leadership election say that Mr Heseltine is one of the few Cabinet ministers whose claims have strengthened as a result of the campaign. His readiness to admit that he had sketched the advert showing a tiny Tony Blair sitting on the knee of Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, was seen as a none-toosubtle nod towards the Eurosceptics that he has got the

Ministers expect Mr Clarke to run and to win the votes in the first ballot of the pro-European minority, whose members are delighted that he has refused to compromise one iota during the campaign allowing his distaste for elements

of it to become apparent.
But because of his fierce pro-European line Mr Clarke may be unable to secure sufficient support to carry him through to a second ballot. All the indications are that at that stage he would throw his

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backing behind Mr Heseltine. He has told friends that he still thinks Mr Heseltine is a pro-European at

Mr Major, too, could be expect-ed to come out for Mr Heseltine. The two men are closer than they have ever been; and the Prime Minister is known to believe that since he offered Mr Heseltine the deputy prime ministership in 1995 before the leadership election of that year - he has had total loyalty from him.

Mr Hague has made massive strides in recent months and is almost certain to test the water in the first ballot, even though many Conservatives see him as the next leader but one. Mr Dorrell has been prominent during the campaign and has taken an increasing-ly Eurosceptic stance in recent months. Mr Rifkind, who has also tilted towards Euroscepticism and allowed his private opposition to the single currency to become known, will almost certainly be in the field, although he has first to hold his seat in Edinburgh,

The causes of Mr Rifkind, Mr Dorrell and Mr Hague would be helped by a longer campaign that would enable them to underline their credentials with the new intake of Tories, which will be large even if there is a heavy defeat.





Sunday styles: Cherie Blair campaigning in Derby yesterday, and Edwina Currie returning home from shopping in Findern

Major and Blair go all out for victory

By Philip Webster

JOHN MAJOR tried to lift Tory gloom and Tony Blair warned his party against complacency as the prospect of a Labour landslide appeared to harden yesterday with only four days to polling.

The Prime Minister will today launch a desperate rearguard attempt to stay on in office with a whistlestop tour to all parts of Britain warning voters to "wake up" to the dangers of a change of government.

At the same time Mr Blair will mount his final push for power by again raising the spectre of a Conservative victory to encourage all Labour supporters and waverers to come out and vote for him. "I take nothing for granted in this election, he said yesterday as Labour's lead increased by two points, according to the latest opinion poll.

Gallup's rolling survey for today's Daily Telegraph showed Labour on 49 per cent, up one on the Sunday Telegraph figure. The Tories are at 30 per cent, down one, with the Liberal Democrats at 14

per cent, up one. But the weekend polls pointing to a landslide — which politicians in both parties still regard as unlikely - have caused problems in the Tory camp

and some misgivings in Labour's. The Tories, dismayed by the intervention of Edwina Currie, the former minister, predicting a Labour win, feared that the polls might encourage the public to think that the battle was over, and drive them either to join the Labour

bandwagon or stay away. Labour, whose own private polls do not suggest a lead of the size suggested by the public surveys, is concerned that its heartland supporters might be discouraged from turning out because they think the game is over.

The Labour leadership is there fore returning for the remainder of the campaign to its strong core issues such as health and education in an attempt to maximise its support on Thursday. Its final election broadcast tonight will

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BA lets the train take the strain

By HARVEY ELLIOTT AND ADAM SAGE IN PARIS

PASSENGERS arriving for a British Airways flight from Charles de Gaulle Airport in Paris may find themselves being offered a trip on The airline is refusing to load

luggage into holds on its flights from the airport because of fears of attack by Algerian terrorists. Passengers for at least eight of the airline's 12 flights a day are being checked in at temporary desks on the tenth floor of the airport's terminal one but are being told that their bags must stay behind. If

they protest they are offered seats on Eurostar or rival airlines. "We do not know what it is costing, but that is a secondary consideration," BA said last night. "The security of our passengers

and staff is paramount. BA is concerned at the sudden

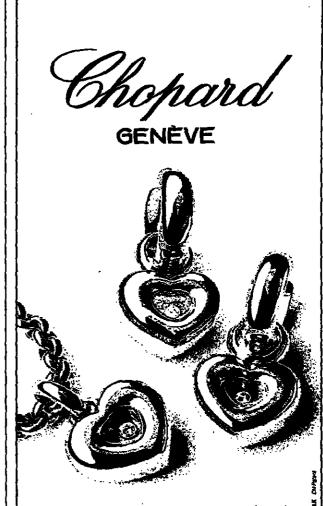
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Ramblers fear £1 fee would make Ben Nevis climb more taxing

By Shirley English

RAMBLERS may soon be charged fit to climb Ben Nevis. Britain's highest peak, in a move that some fear could threaten the long-held principle of free access to the Scottish countryside.

Highland councillors will today discuss whether to introduce the fee for walkers and climbers taking part in charity events, such as the Three Peaks race, in which participants scale Ben Nevis. Snowdon and Scafell Pike in the Lake District. The proposal part of a new

■ Highland councillors consider charging ramblers to pay for car parks, toilets and litter collection, as well as repairs to mountain paths

to help to pay for the rising cost of providing car parks, toilet facilities and litter collection, as well as repairs to damaged mountain paths caused by the thousands of visitors each year.

The proposal has split the council and enraged outdoor groups

mountain code of conduct and aims who fear it may set a precedent and provide ammunition for lairds who object to people walking on their land, Iain MacDonald, chairman of the council's economic development committee, said he was totally opposed to the idea. "The hills of Scotland have always been free. I am active in promoting free

access to the countryside, particu-larly where landlords have tried to stop ramblers. If we are seen to charge El for particular groups, then it goes against the grain. We still have Highland hospitality and we love people to come and see our mountains. We want to put as few obstacles in their path as possible."

The £1 charge to scale the 4,406 ft neak is outlined in a policy paper drawn up by John MacDonald. leisure services manager, for the culture and leisure services committee. It is not clear how it would be implemented but the document

envisages charging El per rambler where large groups are involved in charity events. Some organisations already make a voluntary donation. Neil Clarke, the committee con-

vener, said he believed walkers should pay towards the upkeep of facilities at Glen Nevis. He said undreds of Three Peaks races took place each year, sometimes with as many as 2,000 participants. That placed an immense strain on facilities with council employees forced to work overtime to unblock toilets

and repair eroded paths. The £1 fee would not be a charge to climb Ben Nevis, he insisted. "We could't do that because we don't own the mountain. The suggestion is that there be some charge made for the facilities, to compensate the council."

He admitted that such a charge might be difficult to enforce and said he was preparing to put forward an alternative proposal to introduce parking charges instead. which might be more practical. At present the 200 spaces at Glen Nevis are free. Snowdon and Scafell charge for parking.
Robin Campbell, chairman of

said the planned fees were "completely ludicrous" although he did not object to charging for parking. He said hillwalking was worth £150 million a year to the Highland conomy with 100,000 climbers visiting Ben Nevis alone. - -

"They spend large amounts of money in Fort William," he said. There is no doubt Ben Nevis is the mainstay of the local economy and if they start to tax it, because that is what this amounts to, then they might scare people away. I think

they are crazy to consider it."

West African fraud gangs steal £3.5bn a year from Britain

By Stewart Tendler, crime correspondent

account for nearly half of Britain's annual ES billion losses through fraud, according to a police intelligence report being studied by chief constables and ministers.

The report says that gangs of Nigerians and Ghanaians steal up to £3.5 billion each year, using a range of simple but highly effective ruses. The cash comes not only from gullible individuals but also businesses and from the Government. through benefit

The losses have become so high that Britain is joining other members of the G7 economic group to put pressure on West African coun-

☐ The "419" fraud: named

after the section of the Nigeri-

an penal code dealing with

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uals are approached for help

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Serious Fraud Office received

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HOW THE SCAMS WORK

tries. In June a package of measures, including tighter visa controls by Western nations and new attempts to build up an international network of intelligence, will be summit of heads of government in Denver, Colorado.

One senior Scotland Yard investigator said: "They are usually in loosely organised groups, rather like the Jamaican-based Yardie drugs gangs, but they are more sophisticated and more dangerous." He compared them "economic terrorists" capa-

ble of widespread damage. He said the gangs operated across a number of countries to make it difficult for investi-

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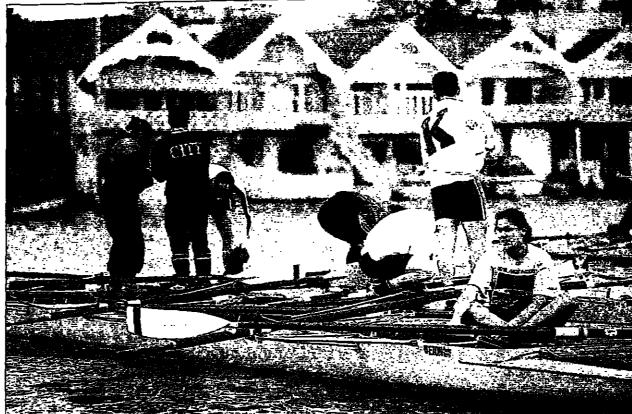
gators to track them down or bring charges. They were also highly versatile, and the often ineffective West African police forces were regarded as a poor

losses was gathered by the National Criminal Intelligence Service and is now being studied by every chief constable and CID head in the country. Scotland Yard and City of London fraud investigators deal with many of the larger frauds, but many others are handled by local fraud squads and the overall picture has never been put together

Two weeks ago NCIS held an international conference in London to assess the extent of the problem. Earlier this month officials and investigators preparing the agenda for the G7 summit in Denver also met in Washington to examine

An NCIS spokesman said: There is global concern about West African organised crime. Governments internationally are looking at the problem and NCIS is part of the effort."

American investigators are as worried about the activities of the West African conmen as are senior British police officers. John Gresser, the legal attaché and FBI representative at the American Embassy in London, said: "Internationally, there is growing concern about this. It is a problem for many of the Western



Rowers at Leander yesterday. Members were concerned that there were no boats or facilities for women

eander takes women on board

By MIKE ROSEWELL AND ROBIN YOUNG

BRITAIN'S premier rowing club voted by "clear majority" yesterday to admit women members for the first time in its 179-year history. The decision clears the way for Leander to pursue its application for a £1.5 million lottery grant to redevelop its facilities at Henley-on-Thames.

The decision to admit women was taken at a special general meeting at which substantially more than two thirds of the 162 members present voted in favour of the change. Announcing the result, John Beveridge, the secretary, read a statement saying that the club intended to continue its existing "gold medalwinning" policy of concentrating on men's heavyweight rowing.

The membership had decided to consid-

er the admission of women and the grant application separately after Matthew Pinsent, Leander's double Olympic gold medallist, and several club coaches argued that Leander did not have boats or space to provide facilities for women equal to those it offered as a "high performance" centre for heavyweight men. as designated by the Amateur

Rowing Association. The Leander membership, although happy to accept women members, were clearly not prepared to jeopardise the club's contribution to men's heavyweight international rowing for sake of a El.5 million of lottery money. Chris Rodrigues, the club chairman, said: "Leander will pursue its lottery application providing it can be assumed that this will in no way compromise its rowing policy." Ivor Lloyd, captain of Leander for the

past 13 years, said: "The lottery may need to revise its rules if it wishes to support-international athletes such as Steve Redgrave and Matthew Pinsent at high performance centres such as Leander. By definition they cannot cater for all and sundry as a local leisure centre might."

Mr Rodrigues said: "Reassuringly, the Sports Council completely accepts that Leander is an elite rowing club and is not open to everyone."

There is unlikely to be a rush of women to join a club, which at present lacks the facilities for them. High performance centres for women are situated in other locations such as London and Marlow, the latter under the control of the new women's chief coach, Mike Spracklen. The choice of such centres is determined by the Amateur Rowing Association, and not by the clubs concerned.

Shake-up 'will make courts worse'

tonight not to implement pro-posals by Lord Woolf, Master of the Rolls, for a court shakeup to cut costs and delays. Professor Michael Zander, QC member of the Royal Commission on Criminal Justice which reported in 1973; says the Woolf plan for judges to be trial managers will worsen the system.

In the spring lecture to the Chancery Bar Association, he is due to say that American experience shows that where judges take control of the pace of litigation, there are higher costs and an increase in uncontrolled judicial discretion. Courts need intervene only in the minority of cases. where lawyers abuse the system, he says.

Unhealthy cells

Prison governors are asking for a medical opinion on: whether cells in Britain's first modern prison ship will be too dark to use. David Roden, chairman of Prison Governors' Association, is asking the Prison Service's chief medical officer to consider examining accommodation on board HMP Weare, which is due to take prisoners this

Protest warning ...

Animal rights protests may become more violent, a spokesman for the Animal Liberation Front said after a weekend of confrontation. A firebomb attack caused damage at a livestock haulier in Warwickshire and nine people were arrested at demonstrations in Oxfordshire. The spokesman said there was a new mood of anger about the way animals were treated.

Prince's party

The Prince of Wales will host a tea party tomorrow for the traditionalist Prayer Book Society at St James's Palace. London, to mark the society's Silver Jubilee celebrations. The decision by the Prince to host the reception is being interpreted as a sign of his commitment to the Church of England at a time when the society's membership growing.

Family album



Linda McCartney, 54, hugs one of her horses in a family snap taken by her husband. Sir Paul, for his new album. It is the first photograph to be released since she underwent chemotherapy treatment for breast cancer. Since the disease was diagnosed in 1995, she has been pictured publicly only once, during a brief acceptance speech at an animal-rights awards ceremony.

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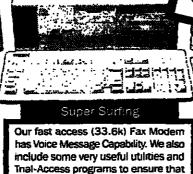




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Final push

Continued from page I people of the risks of not voting and today Labour will repeat its claims that the Government is intent on a 'creeping privatisation" of the

It intends to focus on a leaked memorandum from Norwich Union Healthcare, Britain's third biggest private medical insurer, which apparently looks at ways of signing up new customers who might have a feeling of "guilt towards abandoning the NHS".

Mr Blair yesterday opened a new front. condemning Conservative proposals for a grammar school in every town as "fatuous, absurd and dangerous" because for every new grammar there would be four or five secondary moderns.

The polls, suggestions of discontent in the high com-mand, and signals that the backers of the main Tory leadership contenders are quietly preparing for a post-election contest failed to dent the determination of Mr Major yesterday. Conservative candidates, in-

cluding senior ministers, conposition in the constituencies was better than that suggested by the polls, although it is now difficult to find anyone who truly believes that they can win outright.

Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democratic leader, insisted yesterday that it was "hugely premature" to assume that Labour was heading for a landstide victory. He said voters had seen the election robbed from them by politicians. "Let not now the the press decide to rob them of the

Attorney-General challenged by banned litigant

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Attorney-General is facing a challenge for his seat at the general election by one of the growing band of people barred from the courts as 'vexatious litigants".

Lew Foley, 59, a former heating engineer, is standing as an independent Conservative in Bedfordshire North East as a way of airing his grievances against Sir Nicholas Lyell over what he says he has suffered at the hands of solicitors and the courts. The challenge by Mr Foley

 who has lodged 37 civil actions in 25 years - follows that of another "vexatious lirigant", Peter Rubery Hayward, a businessman who changed his name by deed poll to Sir Nicholas Lyell. The Attorney-General was forced to go to court two weeks ago to obtain an injunction to stop his namesake standing and confusing the electors. Mr Foley and the former Mr Hayward have been barred from the courts under the powers that judges have to

blacklist "vexatious litigants". The list, obtained by The Times, shows that there has been a steady increase in the number of litigants being banned from the courts. Since records began in 1888, 128 people have been barred from the courts. On average, five people a year are now hanned. Once on the list, which is on if an order is not obtained.

circulated to courts, they are never "rehabilitated" and remain there, even after death. Lord Woolf, Master of the Rolls, told The Times that any rise in the number of people banned from the courts was likely to be related to the significant growth in the num-

her of litigants in person people acting without lawyers. Some people are just mischievous but others have a real sense of grievance." Lord Woolf said. "Perhaps they don't understand the rulings they have been given or perhaps the courts have not served them well." The Attorney-General's

power to request the High Court to declare a person is vexatious is now contained in section 42 of the Supreme Court Act 1981. About 20 requests are made each year although the Attorney-General does not act on them all. His applications have never been turned down by the courts.

Under the Act, a person must have "habitually and persistently and without any reasonable ground" brought vexatious proceeedings. Facfors the Attorney-General considers include the number of actions brought by the person, the circumstances and character of the litigation, degree of hardship caused and likelihood of the legal actions going

BA lets the train take the strain

Continued from page 1 arrival of Air Algerie at the airport. The airline, which has three flights a day to Algeria, was granted permission to open two check-in desks alongside those of BA. but BA officials claim that it is not subject to the same security screening and police protection given to Air Algérie operations at other French airports.

in protest, BA refused to operate from the airport on Saturday while the Air Algèrie desk was manned. Instead, BA switched its flights to Orly, leading to delays and confusion for passengers.

But furious French officials accused BA

licence to fly to Paris at all if it continued to divert flights to Orly. "The security measures were agreed with the state before Air Algerie resumed flying, and we consider they were sufficient," a spokesman for Aéroports de Paris said yesterday.

Security was tight for Air Algerie's first flights to the French capital for two years. according to the French. But BA was unrepentant. The security of our passengers and staff is all important, and we are very concerned about the adequacy of the security arrangements for dealing with Air Algéric." a spokesman said. of acting illegally and sent a faxed

"We complained to the British Governwarning that the airline would lose its ment and to the French authorities, and

although we did divert a few flights to Orly, we have now moved them back to Charles de Gaulle in view of the fax." Now BA, backed at least in spirit by other airlines at Charles de Gaulle, is

appealing to a tribunal in Paris to try to rescind Air Algerie's licence to operate to the airport unless security is tightened. The airline is particularly concerned because hold haggage is sent down the same chute as BA bags and is sorted in the same bagagge area.

Most passengers with hold bags are happy to leave them with BA to follow on a later flight after Air Algérie has closed its desks for the day. But a few prefer to fly with other airlines or switch to Eurostar.

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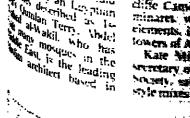
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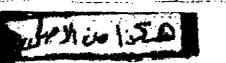
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Screams put down to weekend drinkers

Police hunt killer of woman stabbed in pub car park

MURDER squad detectives have interviewed more than a hundred drinkers at a pub where a judge's daughter was stabbed to death minutes after last orders were called.

Police believe that the killer lunged at Rachel McGrath, 27, as she stepped out of her dark Peugeot in the car park of the Victoria Tavern in Bramhall. Greater Manchester, shortly after 11pm on Friday. Miss McGrath, from Wilmslow, Cheshire, who was due to pick up her boyfriend from the pub, was stabbed repeatedly, mainly in the

People living near by heard screams around the time of her death, but put them down to Friday night revellers. Miss McGrath's body was found at 11.08pm by a woman who had also arrived to pick up her boyfriend from the pub.

Greater Manchester Police have set up an incident room in Stockport. They have issued an appeal for anybody who was in the pub after 10pm on Friday to contact them. So far they have questioned more

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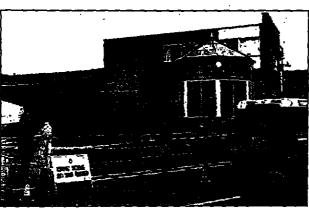
Personal Control



Rachel McGrath: had gone to fetch boyfriend

than 100 drinkers. Friends and neighbours of Miss McGrath spoke of a friendly woman who was devoted to her boyfriend, Kevin Forster, Mr Forster, who works as a financial adviser, came out of the pub to see her lying dead on the ground. His father, lan, 56, speaking at their home in Bramball, said: "Kevin is devastated. It is a terrible thing to have happened."

Brian McGrath, the victim's father, works as a district judge and sits in the Family



Drinkers at the Victoria Tavern have been questioned

ing mainly on domestic cases. Miss McGrath, who worked for the Halifax Building Society, had lived with Mr Forster

for two years.

She was featured with her boyfriend and his family in the Money Mail section of the Daily Mail last week. They were used to illustrate an article about the Halifax Building Society. She was shown smiling into the camera beside a caption that suggested she was in line to receive 200 free shares.

Gary Rose, 24, a neighbour, said: "It is a terrible thing to happen. You just don't expect that sort of thing to happen to someone you know. She seemed a very nice woman and they looked like a really happy couple, always doing things together. They were very friendly with the other

Miss McGrath's brother, Michael. 30, a solicitor, said: Everyone is very distressed. We are working closely with the police at the moment to try to catch who did this."

One neighbour said: "We went to dinner with Brian and Diane [Ms McGrath's parents) only last week. Everyone is very shocked by the news. They are a lovely family."

Detectives yesterday refused to speculate about any motive or comment on whether anybody was being questioned in connection with the

Detective Superintendent David Gartside, who is in charge of the investigation, said: We are still anxious to trace anyone who was in the vicinity of the Bramhall precinct on Friday, April 25, who may have seen anything



Angharad Mair will feature in front of the cameras when she runs in the world championships in August

presenter puts in marathon stint

BY DAVID POWELL ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

UNTIL six years ago, Angharad Mair's running had been confined to the bockey pitch at school. Yesterday she learnt she had been selected to run the marathon for Britain in this summer's world athletics championships in Athens. Mair's introduction to the marathon

came, somewhat unexpectedly, with her job. The BBC Wales news and sport television presenter had gone for an interview with S4C in Cardiff, where she was told that the Welsh language station

was looking for something out of the ordinary. Mair replied that she was thinking of running a marathon. "It was a bit of a line, to be honest," she said. However, the channel took her at her word, offered her employment presenting a magazine programme, and assigned her to run the New York City Marathon. She finished in 3 hours 29

Now nothing stands in the way of her 80 miles a week training. On Saturday, the day she heard of her selection, she managed two sessions, one before pre-senting the last, historic rugby union

match at Cardiff Arms Park, the second between evening news bulletins. She was to have lined up alongside Liz McColgan in Athens in August, but the country's leading marathon runner has decided

Now one of the most recognisable faces in Wales, Mair, 35, gets some strange looks running round Cardiff with a baseball cap pulled down to her eyes and "full glam make-up. But if I get back late after reading the news, I'm not going to bother taking it all off."

Daylight rapist strikes in city park

By DES BURRINSHAW

WOMEN are being warned not to walk alone in a Leeds city park until a daylight rapist has been caught. The man repeatedly raped a victim on Saturday afternoon while

other people strolled near by.
The 3i-year-old had been walking her Collie dog by Waterloo Lake in Roundhay Park at about 5pm. The man threatened her with a knife and dragged her down a steep bank to an old swimming pool where he assaulted her. When he heard other park users approaching, he dragged her into woodland and raped her. He ended his attack after 20 minutes and ran off, leaving his traumatised victim to rais

Detective Inspector Mark Smith said: "She resisted as much as she dared but she was too scared for her safety to put up a serious fight. This man is very dangerous. It was a very determined attack. I think he had gone to the park for that purpose, and he was not scared off by other people

being around.

For the safety of females, my advice is to have safety in numbers when they are walking there. Until we find this individual, do not go walking

The rapist was white, about 5ft Ilins, aged 17 to 25, with short, unkempt ginger hair and a wispy ginger beard or facial hair. He was wearing a hearthful to a chiral har. baseball cap, a shiny blue bomber jacket and light blue

Irish collectors trace stolen goods to Newark market

BY AUDREY MAGES, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

FRUSTRATED Irish collectors are liaising with police in Britain rather than Ireland in the hope of retrieving some of the £5 million-worth of antiques stolen from the Repub-

lic every year. They say they have "given up" on the Garda, which has neither the time nor resources to devote to the problem. Many of the stolen pieces end up on market stalls in Newark. Nottinghamshire, and Ardingly, West Sussex, within 48 hours. They fetch higher prices there than in Ireland.

Jeffry Lefroy, chairman of the Council for the Protection of Irish Heritage Objects, said his organisation was dealing directly with police in Britain. He said: The problem of furniture theft has reached epidemic proportions. We have no choice but to take action ourselves."

A member from the council travelled undercover as a buyer to the market in Newark. Assisted by Nottinghamshire police, he found a E5.000 Victorian clock stolen last year from an elderly couple in Co Kildare. The undercover buyer said: "The gardai are underpaid, worn out and so overstretched trying to deal with the drug gangs in Dublin that they have no time for the antiques problem."

Investigators believe most of the thefts are carried out by four gangs, who use networks of friends and relations in Britain to dispose of the stolen goods. The gangs are highly mobile and knowledgeable

about antiques Mr Lefroy set up the organisation two years ago after his Victorian home in Co Longford was robbed and £150,000 of Regency, Dutch and Italian furniture stolen. His 1740s Italian games table has been traced to Christie's, New York. It arrived there from Surrey. via an antiques dealer in Alabama.

The Garda said the gangs were difficult to track because they moved quickly from one area to another. Most thefts are concentrated on the east coast, where the gangs have ready access to the ports. Gardai are planning a meeting with British police to trace the antiques, and are trying to identify routes used by the gangs. Once stolen, the furniture is loaded on flat-bed lorries, vans and horse-boxes. transferred to container lorries and taken by ferry to Britain. Georgian pieces are the most lucrative, although garden furniture, particularly

Victorian, is also profitable. Charlie Hill, a former policeman and Risk Manager with Nordstern art insurance company in London, said: "I know of people in prison who watch the Antiques Road Show to educate themselves on what is valuable. Antiques are now seen as far less dangerous than drugs while still generating the same kind

Two youths arrested in **Ulster over** church fire

TWO Protestant teenagers will appear in court today charged with an arson attack on a Roman Catholic church in Northern Ireland.

Their appearance at a special court in Newtownabbey, Co Antrim, comes after a weekend of mounting tension in the province. Three youths were injured in weekend riots and police yesterday stopped an Orange Order parade pass-ing through a Catholic section of Belfast.

The youths, aged 18 and 19, face charges of burglary and of setting fire to St Nicholas's Church. The church is close to were the youths live in Carrickfergus, Co Antrim. Five fires were lit in the church early on Saturday, destroying a large section of the interior and roof. It was the twelfth attack on a church this month. In Belfast, police used Land Rovers to prevent an Orange Order parade passing through the Catholic section of the Lower Ormeau Road. Up to 80 Orangemen protested and sang hymns at the police line, demanding to be allowed

to pass through. Three people were injured during rioting yesterday morning. A 13-year-old boy was treated in hospital for a cut above his left eye. He was hit by a plastic bullet fired by troops under attack from a crowd in Lurgan, Co Armagh. There were also clashes in Portadown, where two youths

By AUDREY MAGEE

were injured.

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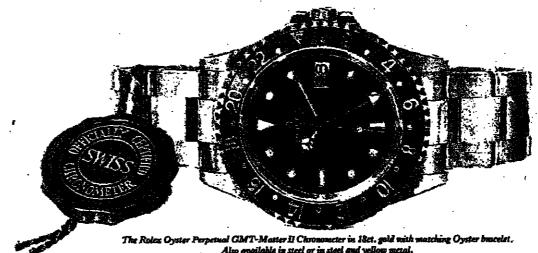
It's easy to lose track of time at 60,000 feet, but not for the Rolex GMT-Master II. Developed to be used by intercontinental pilots, this watch shows the time in two time zones at a glance.

The GMT-Master II worn by Concorde Captain Steve Wand allows him to read London time with the conventional hour

and minute hands, and he can read New York time with the 24-hour hand and the clearly marked rotating bezel that is the hallmark of this classic design.

Says Captain Wand: "My GMT-Master II is like Concorde. When you settle on a design that is successful, you want to keep it."

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Muslims hope to make Oxford a city of dreaming minarets

MUSLIMS are planning to build a college combining Islamic and gothic styles in the heart of Oxford's univer-sity area. The Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies, of which the Prince of Wales is patron, is studying draft designs for a site neighbouring the Cher-well and Magdalen College

deer park. The centre, for about 100 fellows and students, would be designed by an Egyptian sometimes described as Islam's Quinlan Terry. Abdel Wahed al-Wakil, who has built many mosques in the Middle East, is the leading Muslim architect based in

Britain. King Fahd of Saudi Arabia has agreed to fund the building, so no expense is likely to be spared. Abdel Wahed Al-Wakil's initial designs for the 1.66-acre site marry traditional Islamic mo-tifs with the gothic typical of Oxford's other buildings.

The dome of the centre's rayer hall would echo that of the University Library's Rad-cliffe Camera. The mosque's minaret, with its Moroccan elements, is akin to the twin towers of All Souls College. Kate Miller, the planning

secretary of the Oxford Civic

Society, said yesterday: "The style mixes gothic and Islamic

but then that is what makes Venice so beautiful." David Townsend, another society officer, said: "To my Western eye, it is not what I would call beautiful." Moira Haynes of the Oxford Preservation Trust, which may oppose the planning application, said the building would affect the

area's architectural balance. Mr Al-Wakil, whose buildings include the Corniche mosque in Jeddah, is based in London. The studies centre is recognised by the university and is influential academically.

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Close-knit farming village of 3,000 years ago is 'preserved like Pompeii' beneath Fenland clay

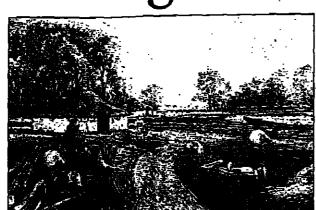
Dig uncovers plot for Bronze Age Archers

AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

AN EVERYDAY story of Bronze Age farming folk is emerging from the excavation of a plot of land on the edge of the Lincolnshire lens. Archaeologists believe it may be the best preserved and most extensive remains of a Late Bronze Age farming community in Britain, right down to the plough marks and two cart

Even the topsoil that the villagers once tilled and grazed in Lincolnshire has been found preserved under layers of alluvial clay, laid down in later times in the flood plain of the River Welland. "It is what I call the Pompeii effect, with clay in this case taking the place of volcanic ash as the preserving agent," said Dr Francis Pryor, the archaeological site

"It is unheard-of and very exciting to find such a large expanse of Bronze Age soil



An artist's impression of a Bronze Age farm at work

surviving intact." Slowly have been found in the northemerging from an 18-acre ern part of the site. There is also evidence that the ancesexcavation area is an agricultural landscape of 2,500 to tors of farmers such as Radio 4's Phil and Jill Archer had 3.000 years ago, with an their own strong ideas about earthwork bank, field boundaries and postholes which once held the uprights of soil management and husbanding resources. rectangular thatched huts. The full potential of the site.

just outside Deeping St James, suggesting a substantial near Market Deeping, has come to light because of the happy conjunction of commer-Aiready 17,500 pieces of Late Bronze Age and Early Iron cial and archaeological inter-Age pottery and animal bone

extraction company applied to extend a quarry into neighbouring farmland. A condition of planning approval was that the company would fund a dig. If the company had not wanted to put in a gravel pit here, we would have been unable to look underneath the half-metre or so of clay which covers everything, and would have been left with only the vague indications of aerial photographs."

Photographs taken during last year's dry summer had revealed a tell-tale pattern of criss-crossing dark lines in wheat and barley crops, suggesting the extensive system of little square fields, divided by dykes and ditches.

The archaeologists are particularly intrigued by an area dark earth, about two football pitches in size, which appears to have been deliberately enriched with pottery shards and crushed animal bones. Charlie French, a soil scientist at the Department of Archaeology at Cambridge



Francis Pryor among the site markings near Deeping St James. He said: "It is unheard-of and very exciting"

University, said: "My feeling is that the farmers were digging fragments of pottery, bone and farmyard waste into the soil to make it more friable and to create a fertile tilth for a market gardening-type of ag-

have included bean-type vegetables as well as cereals.

Large amounts of charcoal in the soil suggest some primitive industrial process, possibly extracting salt by heating and evaporating brackish water from coastal marshes that

reached inland. Scientists think that livestock - cattle and sheep, with smaller numbers of pigs — were the mainstay of the settlement. This contradicts a traditional that cereal-growing

Britain's farming past. Tom Lane, of Archaeological Project Services, which is carrying out the dig. said: "We have an extensive network of little paddocks which were used for stock management rather than crop growing."

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IRA was

behind M6 blast

The IRA yesterday admitted that it was behind a bomb blast at an electricity pylon near the M6 on Friday. A caller using a recognised codeword told the RTE Dublin that IRA volunteers

had planted the bomb. went went off shortly before 9am during a series of alerts that led to the closure of motorways across the Midlands, causing huge traffic problems. New Street railway station in Birmingham and Luton airport were also closed because of scares.

Ransom blow

Roy and Betty Howes, parents of the mines expert Christopher Howes, said they would "soldier on" despite disappointment over his employers' failure to free him from his Cambodian kidnappers with a £75.000 ransom.

Allwood pregnant

Mandy Aliwood, who lost octuplets in October after receiving fertility treatment, is pregnant again. Ms Allwood, 32, from Solihull, West Mid-lands, said she and her part-ner, Paul Hudson, 38, "think it's just the one this time".

RAF house sold

The ten-bedroom RAF house near Cheltenham, which led to Air Chief Marshal Sir Sandy Wilson retiring after he ordered £387.000 refurbishments, has been sold to an unnamed buyer for around the £450,000 asking price.

Canaries stolen

Police are appealing for information about the theft of 25 show birds from an aviary in the Heathhall area of Dumfries. The Border canaries. worth about £500, were feeding young and hatching eggs in the unlocked aviary.

Jumbo jet

A strong-smelling spray to repel elephants from newly cultivated land has been developed by a Cambridge University scientist. The spray, made from chilli peppers, is poured into launch-fired reusable cannisters.

Life may have come from sea **bubbles**

SCIENCE EDITOR

TWO geologists from Glasgow University believe they know how life began. It happened more than four billion years ago at the bottom of the ocean, where two streams of water from warm springs met, according to Michael Russell

and Alian Hall. One stream came from the crust of the Earth at a temperature of 200C, enriched in hydrogen and bisulphide from the rocks. The other was ocean water at a temperature of 90C and strongly acidic because of dissolved carbon

dioxide. As the two streams met. chemical reactions formed a between them. This preserved the chemical imbalances between the two waters, and formed a catalyst on which organic molecules could be

synthesised. The sea water provided carbonates and phosphates. carbonic acid, iron and nickel. while the water from the crust provided ammonia, acetate, hydrogen sulphide, hydrogen, tungsten, organic sulphides, cyanide and acetaldehyde, according to the theory, published in the Journal of the

Geological Society. There is a lot of similarity between the chemistry of life and the chemistry of warm springs," Dr Hall says. "What we are trying to do is to show how conditions in the Earth only 100 million years or so after its formation could have led to that chemistry."

Their model envisages mounds of sulphide forming at the spring sites, and the iron sulphide membranes forming as bubbles, filled with spring water rising from below. Reactions taking place at the membrane formed organic polymers containing sulphur and nitrogen, which lined the surface of the bubbles, beginning a process in which they were transformed into the first cells. Within these cells the first amino acids could have been produced as carboxylic acids reacted with ammonia. Eventually the genetic materials RNA and DNA would have emerged, giving the cells the ability to reproduce.

Men really suffer more than women

By A STAFF REPORTER

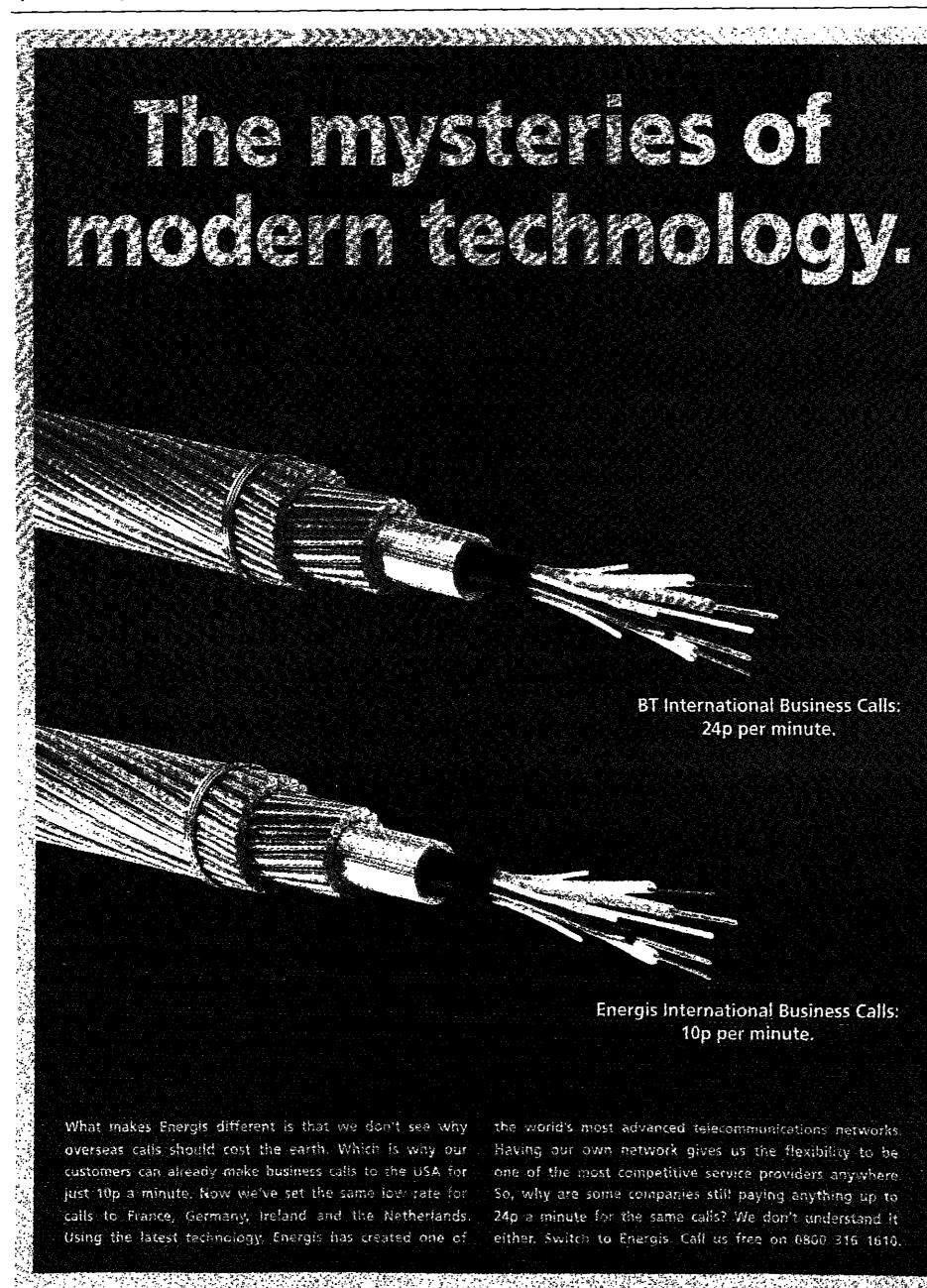
MEN who claim to be deaf to babies' cries in the night may not be pretending, according to a survey that examined differences between the sexes. It is claimed that men cannot help being inferior to women in a number of ways because

of their biological make-up. The survey of 500 men and women, hy the makers of Nurofen, a painkiller, shows that men take to their beds at the first sign of a sniffle, are unable to tolerate pain as much as women and are less

aware of babies crying.
The survey, reported in She magazine, suggests that men take nearly twice as much time off as women when they have a cold or flu. When a couple are ill at the same time.

it is the woman who ends up looking after both of them. According to the magazine, men really do suffer more. "The female body is designed to operate in a constantly changing hormonal climate and, therefore, women seem better able to tolerate disturbances of the body's equilibrium."

The claims on pain tolerance are based on an American study, also reported in She, of 20 men and 28 women. It found that, after having their wisdom teeth out. women reported more pain than men, but experienced a sharp decrease in pain after taking a painkiller. Men-



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BMA backs sex education and calls for more funding

SEX education is effective in delaying first-time inter-course, encouraging the use of condoms and reducing teen-age pregnancy, the British Medical Association says today. Programmes advocating no sex before marriage have not worked, it adds.

In the first report of its kind from the BMA, it calls for sex education to be part of initial teacher training, and to be backed with more resources and research into effective methods. The survey found a need for specific guidance for parents on how to talk about sex with their children. Cooperation between school and home was the most effective way of teaching.

Three years ago a book giving teenagers advice on sex. called Your Pocket Guide to Sex and published by the Health Education Authority. was withdrawn after Brian Mawhinney, then health min-ister, condemned it as smutty. The BMA says that sex education has to allow for

different attitudes, values. home environment and religious, cultural or ethnic backgrounds. Responsible teaching about homosexuality "is especially important to meet the needs of young people who may be

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growing up gay, leshian or bisexual". This was necessary because of the risks to mental or physical health to which such children might be ex-posed by social isolation, bullying and lack of self-esteem.



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what happens as a result of the abnormal practice of homo-

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Mrs Riches said parents should be directly involved in sex education. "Youngsters

are being taught in a moral vacuum that it's OK to have

sex. I want to see them being

taught that marriage is an ideal. Instead it's being sug-

gested that marriage is just

John Sutton, general secre-tary of the Secondary Heads

Association, said the report

confirmed the evidence from

schools, but doubted that all

no means all teachers will be

involved in sex education. It is

probably something best addressed through targeted in-

one of many options."

Sex advice this 1994 book was withdrawn

The school can provide a neutral environment for advice and guidance where par-

ents may be hostile to homosexuality."

The study, which collected evidence from doctors and analysed research by organisations such as the Sex Education Forum, says that the classroom is not a good place for staff or pupils to talk about their personal relationships, and advocates using case histories instead.

However, it says children need individual advice and support within the school. Those with problems should be encouraged to inform their parents but, if they refuse, the school should respect their confidentiality and find other

support. Valerie Riches, the director of Family and Youth Concern, said she was saddened but not surprised. "The BMA has



Sale of watch recalls moment when time ran out for Crippen

BY ROBIN YOUNG

Hawley Crippen, one of 20th century's most notorinurderers, bequeathed to mistress, Ethel Le Neve. before he was hanged, son sale this week. ppen murdered and dis embered his second wife. Cora, and tried to escape to United States with his stress. He became the first minal to be apprehended radio, when the captain of e liner on which he was fleeing became suspicious and alerted Scotland Yard. The sale at Christie's on

Wednesday also includes leters about the watch from Miss Le Neve to her friend Rex Manning copies of Crippen's statement to the police, and a letter from him unthorising his solicitor to sell all the belongings at his home. The watch is expected to fetch up to £2,000.

Miss Le Neve was acquitted of being an accessory to murder and, after Crippen's execution in 1910, left the country. She later returned to England and married a bookkeeper, Stanley Smith, to



whom she never revealed her

identity. She gave the watch to him as a wedding present, but when she died in 1962, aged over 80, she bequeathed it to Mr Manning, the only person with whom she shared the secret of her past.

Mr Manning described the watch as a "silent witness" in his records, which are being sold with the watch by the present owner, his nephew, who intends to donate the proceeds of the sale to leukae-

Problem pupils must be tackled young, say heads

By JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION EDITOR

MANY primary schools are passing on disciplinary problems to secondary schools. rather than tackling disruptive pupils at an age when their behaviour could be moderated, secondary head

teachers claimed yesterday. Peter Miller, the president of the Secondary Heads Association, said many of the most troublesome teenagers were set in their ways by the time they left primary school. But the procedure involved in securing extra help for child-ren with behavioural problems was so lengthy that primary schools did not bene-fit unless they took action at an early age, he said.

All the teaching unions, at their spring conferences, have been concerned with the growing problem of indiscipline. Expulsions topped 13,000 for the first time this year, and schools have been given the right to impose longer suspensions in an attempt to half the

Mr Miller, in his presiden-tial address to the association's conference in Torquay, said that procedures had to be streamlined and resources increased to enable the education system to cope with disruptive children. "I would also ask that our primary colleagues do not succumb to the temptation to defer dealing with difficult children on the grounds that they will be leaving their school soon." John Sutton, the association's general secretary, said primary schools tended to contain troublesome pupils, rather than seeking outside help,

which was often scarce and difficult to obtain. "It is possible to do this when the pupil concerned is young, immature and fairly small, but not when they become strapping adolescents who may be bigger than

their teachers." Mr Sutton said the association was not criticising pri-mary schools. "It is another manifestation of the shortage of resources which has depleted services such as education

But Liz Paver, the incoming president of the National Association of Head Teachers, which represents most primary school heads, said it was unfair to make primary schools responsible for tackling the problem without the

necessary help. "We must have more units where young children can go for a short period before being reintegrated into their schools," she said.

Ms Paver, the head teacher of Intake Primary School, in Doncaster, added: "We are pilloried in some quarters if we do seek help because people think primary schools ought to be able to handle young children. In fact, we face all the same problems as secondary schools, but on a smaller scale. Five-year-olds are quite capable of abusing teachers and throwing things at them."

Exclusions from primary school rose from 378 in 1991-92 to 1,445 in 1994-95, and are still rising. A survey by academics at Portsmouth University found that there had been an eight-fold rise in suspensions.

SMOKING CAUSES HEART DISEASE

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Farmers back call · to halt bird decline

BY ROBIN YOUNG

blaming intensive farming and pesticides for much of the and pesticides for much of the decline in Britain's bird population is likely to be welcomed by both the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds and the National Farmers' Union.

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The report, the outcome of five years' study by the Government's wildlife advisory bodies, notes that in 25 years

tree sparrow numbers have fallen by almost nine tenths, grey partridges by four fifths, turile doves, bullfinches and song thrushes by three quarters, lapwings and skylarks by nearly two thirds, and blackbirds by more than two fifths.

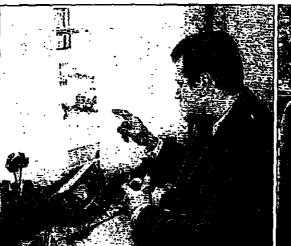
Ian Gardiner, of the Nat-ional Farmers Union, said yesterday that farmers were already collaborating in con-servation but that, if measures

A GOVERNMENT report conflicted with farming, they would have to be compensated. Chris Harbard, of the RSPB, agreed. He said that, for the first time, connections between particular pesticides and the decline of particular species of bird were appearing but added: "At present farmers do not have enough incentives to make the changes that are needed."

A green way to save Britain's £100 million-a-year letture crop has been found by scientists on a Norfolk salt marsh, two years after a pesticide which protected the crop against the lettuce root aphid had to be withdrawn. The fungus Metarhizium amisopliae, which grows on the marsh, can kill up to 80 per cent of the aphids, according to Dr Dave Chandler.









Not quite James Bond: Viney, left, hands documents to Popov at London Zoo. But the alert chaps from counter-espionage are monitoring them by car and from behind net curtains, and the pair are nabbed

How Cholmondeley-Warner saved the West

remembers the film being

commissioned from his de-

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Harry Enfield in his black-and-white spoofs

By Alexandra Frean MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

declassified for sale as a video.

Some shops may be unsure

whether to file it under nostal-

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The 60-minute film. Perso-

na Non Grata, was made in

1964, at the height of the Cold

War and two years after the

first James Bond film, Dr No.

Away from the public image of

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Whitehall's Cold War training films are to be released on video. The first is closer IT WAS all jolly hush-hush in to an Ealing Comedy than to James Bond its time: a top-secret spy film made for training Secret Ser-vice recruits. Now it has been

glamorous women, the secret reality features quintessential Englishmen speaking in the clipped tones of Harry En-field's satirical characters Mr Cholmondeley-Warner and Mr Grayson, and includes a lowly defence clerk enduring unspoken difficulties in his friendship with a Russian. Peter Steel, of the Central

that he had fought hard to have it declassified because of the educational and nostalgic value it would have today. The original documents accomnanying the film said it was commissioned by the Treasury, but it was clearly des-Office of Information, who

services. He said: "It was done as a drama because it's probably the most effective way of teaching anybody working in sensitive areas about standard, routine security

Shot in black and white on location in London and Windsor, on a budget of £20,000, Persona Non Grata tells the story of Cyril Viney, a friendless young man who is persuaded to steal secret documents from his uncaring boss at the Ministry of Defence. The persuader is a Russian diplomat, Nikolai Popov, who befriends Viney and praises his poetry. When Viney invites Popov to dinner at his digs - his first guest for four years - he says: "I find it difficult to talk to some people

... most people in fact."

Popov asks Viney for a favour — a small matter about providing information on the Polaris fleet - and says he will be hurt if Viney's friendship is the kind that takes but does not give ... it would be very sad if something happened that would spoil a friendship that has come to mean so much to both of us".

Viney is seen handing over packages and microfilm in

meetings at London Zoo and St James's Park. Happily, the chaps from counter-espionage are on to them, and the West is

Persona Non Grata is one of about 10,000 COI films transferred this month to the Film Images library for possible commercial use. The Crown retains copyright and the Treasury hopes to generate some income. Film Images hopes to release Persona Non Grata on video as a double bill with The Lector, another 1960s security film featuring a Russian spy giving a lecture about espionage.

Doctors pay out £41m to patients

BY IAN MURRAY MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

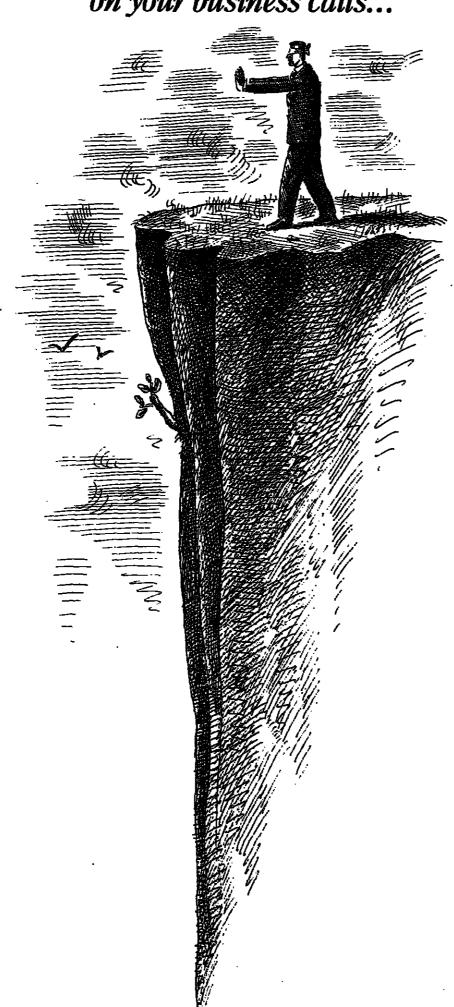
PATIENTS won £41 million in compensation from doctors last year as the cost of claims against them rose 31 per cent on the previous year. With legal costs increasing to E15 million, litigation is now costing the profession £56 million, twice as much as it did

five years ago. The total bill in 1995 was £43 million and in 1994 £37 million. The average growth over the past five years has been 15 per cent per annum, but the number of claims is now rising more steeply, according to the annual report of the Medical Defence Union published today. Dr Michael Saunders, the

chief excecutive, said all the evidence suggested the ad-verse trend of litigation against doctors would continue and that the sums awarded by the courts would increase.

Demands for help from the union are also rising sharply. There was a 10 per cent increase in calls to its 24-hour helpline last year, with 20,000 calls processed.

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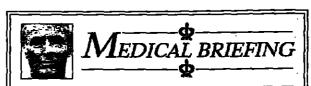
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Drug firm ready to cash in on colds



AN AVERAGE adult suffers the misery of a common cold three times a year. The suffer-er's interest in any potential cure, or treatment to alleviate its symptoms, is matched by that of the pharmaceutical companies. If a company could find the cure for the common cold it would be the source of never-ending riches.

Reports suggest that a new nasal spray, manufactured by Boehringer Ingelheim and undergoing trials, offers the hope of preventing colds in some patients when the source of infection has been a rhino virus, and reducing the symptoms in others...The spray acts by preventing the rhino virus from attaching therefore either aborting, or

lessening, the attack. In the winter months, children who have recently started school on average catch a common cold once a fortnight. Spread of the cold viruses is either by inhalation of the virus which has been scattered in the atmosphere by coughing sneezing and nose-blowing, or by hand-tohand infection, after the infected hand has touched the

lips, scratched the nose or rubbed the eyes. The virus induces the well-known symptoms of sneezing, a runny nose, sore throat, husky voice and possibly a cough.

There are certainly more than 95 different rhino viruses, causing 30 or 40 per cent of common colds. The other large group of viruses responsible is the corona virus.

As people age, the expo-sure to colds they have had gives them more resistance to infection. In old age, by which time they will have been infected by a high proportion of the local viruses, catching a cold is comparatively rare.

However, catching a cold is potentially more dangerous likely. It is equally important to prevent a cold in groups of patients who could suffer similar problems because their immune systems are compromised by other disthem. In children, asthma can be induced by a cold.

> Dr Thomas STUTTAFORD



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Whirlwind tour: Tony and Cherie Blair arriving at Willmorton College in Derby yesterday in one of a convoy of 11 helicopters that landed at five-minute intervals in scenes reminiscent of Apocalypse Now

Ministers disown 'traitor' Currie for predicting defeat

ectively banished to the political wilderness yesterday by a Tory leadership enraged by her predictions of a Labour landslide. Cabinet ministers led by Brian Mawhinney, the party chairman, Michael Portillo, the Defence Secretary, and William Hague, the Welsh Secretary, publicly diswned the remarks of the former health, minister. One senior Tory accused her of

Mrs Currie, one of the most colurful and outspoken Tories. maintained an uncharacteristically low profile yesterday as the controversy raged. Her refusal to comment further prompted speculation that she had been privately rebuked by a senior party figure.

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In an interview with The Express, she had made plain her distaste for Tory election campaign tactics, blamed John Major for weak leadership and forecast a stunning Labour victory. People are not impressed when they hear John Major thump the table in Europe and say he'll get the beef ban lifted, then fails to do so," she told the newspaper: "When they compare the records of Blair and Major, Blair comes across better. After May I there will be a bloodbath in the Tory party."

Mrs Currie had also said that it would be a miracle if she held her South Derbyshire seat, which she first won in 1983. The seat is number 20 on the list of target constituencies drawn up by Labour. The party needs a swing of only 1.54 per cent to take the seat, ly cares about is her own seat.

One particularly outspoken Tory is now keeping her head down, report Andrew Pierce

and Emma Wilkins

which has a notional majority of 1.950.

Her comments struck a raw nerve in the Tory party as various opinion polls showed Labour maintaining a 20 point lead. Sir Marcus Fox, chairman of the Tory backbench 1922 Committee, said: "Edwina Currie has always been a loose cannon, firing in all directions and never hitting the target once." Sir Marcus. speaking on Sky Television, appeared to accept that she would lose her seat "She is seeking to carve out a new

career for herself." Mr Hague took issue on GMTV'S The Sunday Programme with her prediction of a Labour majority of more than 100. "I think Edwina Currie is unique in the Conservative Party in the views she has expressed today."

Mr Portillo, told a press conference at Tory headquarters that he did not recongise the situation she described. "I know of no other Tory candidate who shares those views." A senior source at Conservative Central Office said: "She

has gone too far this time. She

is out on her own. She has

demonstrated that all she real-

She will not be forgiven for this. This is treachery. One of Mrs Currie's closest political allies said: "It is unforgiveable of her to make comments like this just days before polling Mrs Currie, who said that

the Tory tactic of scaremongering was not working because it was not credible, menting on The Express to her local newsagent: "I had forgotten it is run by a Labour peer." The newspaper is owned by United News and Media, whose chief executive is Lord Hollick, the socialist millionaire. She remained inside her home in the Derbyshire village of Findern and refused to take calls or to answer the door to reporters.

Her campaign headquarters was deserted and leading members of her local Conservative Association were unavailable for comment. A party worker who declined to be named said: "I understand Mrs Currie's remarks were off the record, but even so it is not the thing to say five days before a general election. People who are trying to get her re-elected are totally demoralised by this."

Some voters in the consituency were dismayed by her remarks. Phil Sargeant, 41, of Swadlincote, said: "She may just be saying what many Tories must believe privately from looking at the polls, but to say it publicly is just astonishing." Sandra West, 56, said: "You'd have thought she would have kept thoughts like that to herself."



Stewart: role model

Labour's tearjerker message

mental tearjerkers ever made, is the inspiration for Labour's election broad cast tonight on the dangers of a Tory fifth term (Andrew Pierce writes).

Frank Capra's It's a Wonderful Life, made in 1946, is the basis of the party's final broadcast, directed by the Oscar-winning Stephen Frears. The broadcast mirrors the message of the film, in which a depressed James Stewart is persuaded not to commit suicide by a kindly guardian angel.

Labour has enlisted its

own guardian angel, alias actor Pete Postlethwaite, to frighten viewers against voting Tory. Mr Postlethwaite, playing a taxi driver who picks up a father and his daughter as they leave a hospital ten minutes after polling sta-tions have closed, sketches the results of a Tory win: a health service which will barely exist", difficulty in finding a decent school, VAT on food and rising crime. Then "angel" Postle-thwaite turns the clock back to enable the father to

Blair selects grammars for attack

Labour leader wants to frighten parents over 11-plus, says Jill Sherman

TONY Blair launched the final stage of his election attack on Conservative plans for a grammar school in every

He used a speech in London and a rally in Nottingham to return to his favourite theme . of education and to underline the inequity of a big expansion of grammars. "Mr Major calls it a policy of selection. I call it a policy of rejection. Selection for the few, rejection for the many," Mr Blair told teachers and education

The attack on grammar dangers of a fifth Tory term grantian schlools. Mr Blair's entourage from London to yesterday.

Labour strategists want to open up a new flank - on fears that the children of the next generation will be forced into secondary moderns unless can pass grammar school entrance exams.

Mr Blair said that a grammar school in every town meant "that the vast majority will be rejected and unable to go to a first-class school." It was, he insisted: "A return to the II-plus. It is fatuous. It is absurd. It is dangerous." Mr Blair also said that

because the new grammars would be paid for from existing funds, money would be schools is the next phase of taken away from secondary Labour's plan to highlight the modern's to fund for new

criticism of grammar schools marked the strongest attack on the Tories' proposal to expand selection since the beginning of the campaign. Although Labour has made clear that it will not abolish the 161 existing ones, Mr Blair's onslaught yesterday indicates that as Prime Minister he would not tolerate any further

expansion. He does, however, support greater selection within schools including more setting in comprehensive schools. His comments coincided with reports that local activists will try to trigger ballots to close grammar schools.

Derby in a flotilla of 11 hired helicopters - including one which turned out to belong to Mohamed Al Fayed - also set his plans for closing down failing schools and giving them a fresh start with a new school on the same site. Other proposals include more rigor ous inspections of local educational authorities and new home-school contracts which set out responsibilities both for parents and for schools.

Dearents with children at preparatory schools will have a say in the fate of grammar schools under Labour plans for local ballots on selection. Peter Kilfoyle, the Shadow

European obsession drowns out Clarke's message on economy treat Brussels as a threat and

Kenneth Clarke would have fought a very different Conservative campaign if he had been in charge. It would have been the economy, the economy. the economy - and not the threat from Europe.

This was vividly illustrated on Friday on the main shopping street of Stirling, the highly marginal seat of Michael Forsyth, the Scottish Secretary. There they were, the standard bearer of the pro-Europeans and the rising hope of the sceptic Right, dressed alike in full cam-paigning gear of Barbours. Mr Clarke's consistent theme was about creating real jobs and making Britain competi-tive. Standing alongside him. however, Mr Forsyth told a voter that the most important

issue was Europe.

The determination of many Tory candidates — and ministers — to fight the election on a Eurosceptic platform has made life increasingly uncomfortable for Mr Clarke. He no longer bothers to disguise his annoyance with attempts to

to rewrite Government policy during the campaign. He has, throughout, sought to keep open the Government's options since unequivocal campaign statements may make it harder to reach agreement at the Amsterdam summit, while also sustaining the Referendum Party. The preoccupation with

Europe has prevented Mr Clarke from getting across his economic message. Favourable statistics on unemployment and public borrowing went largely unnoticed because of the row over a single currency. The Clarke view is that the Tories should be emphasising what has been done to create noninflationary growth and fall-ing unemployment. So for the next few days the party ought to be saying repeatedly that the economy is only "safe and

secure with the Tories". But voters have apparently not been persuaded that Labour poses a threat, in part, because these arguments have never been pursued day after

day. For instance, Mr Clarke's warnings on Thursday about a July Budget raising taxes were overshadowed within hours by Tory charges of "lying" against Tony Blair. Mr Clarke disputes the City

view that taxes will have to be raised after the election to cool down the economy. He believes the recovery is sustain-able; revealingly, he never talks about a "boom" as Tory posters do. Similarly, he disputes the Bank of England's call for an immediate rise in interest rates. If the Tories win, Mr Clarke would like to stay on at the Treasury to show his judgment is right on the economy.

If it was not for Europe, Mr

Clarke would be the obvious next Tory leader. He has been a highly successful Chancellor, with vast experience, shrewdness and an ability to reach out to the uncommitted. As I saw when he visited the lovely borders town of Selkirk, the home of Sir Walter

Scott, Mr Clarke has an

ability to motivate, and identi-

fy with, party workers. But

Tory MPs are obsessed with Europe to the point of selfdestruction, and Mr Clarke is now widely seen as merely the leader of a pro-European fac-tion, unlike Michael Heseltine, who shares the Chancellor's views, but has a broader appeal. But the pro-Europeans have not made preparations for a leadership contest that the sceptics have. ¶hroughout my day with

Mr Clarke, I was re-

minded of my last elec-

tion day out with a Chancellor, exactly 18 years ago with Denis Healey. Both were popular and respected, though hated by many in their party. Lord Healey only belatedly recognised the threat from the ultras, which then thwarted his ambitions. Mr Clarke may suffer the same fate, though he is alive to the threat and, win or lose the election, is determined to press the pro-European case.He will not acquiesce in a sceptic takeover of the Tory party.

PETER RIDDELL

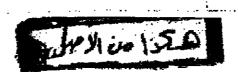




THE ANSWER IS SMALLER CLASSES.

As you can see, this class would benefit from some simple subtraction. Last year over a hundred thousand primary school children were in classes of thirty-six or more. To reduce class sizes we need more teachers. But instead recruitment is to be slashed by 17,800. School buildings are deteriorating. 94% of schools say their children have to share textbooks. Meanwhile 42% of 11 year olds are below the expected standard in maths. And half are below the expected standard in English. This government is running our education system into the ground. Does it really deserve another term?







Politica bomba

Party heavyweights fail to deliver knockout punchline



IT WAS good to see John Prescott back in front of the television cameras yesterday. At the beginning of the campaign he was deemed so accident prone, so capable of blurting out his own feelings rather than toe the party line, that he was exiled to a mystery coach tour of the parts of Britain that television people do not reach. Now, it seems, the deputy leader of the Labour Party has served his time in the televisual wilderness and the Labour propaganda minis-try in Millbank Tower has deemed that he may be trusted not to offer any hostages to fortune. So yester-

hero in the BBC's On the Record

studio flanked by that other jungle beast Michael Heseltine and a pussycat, Alan Beith.

The American experience of television debates is that the confrontation between the vice-presidential nominees is more entertaining than the main event. So while Tony Blair sat talking to Sir David Frost and John Major underwent a mild interrogation on TTV, their deputies were slanging it out in a glimpse of the old politics that we have yet to see on television this time.

It was what Radio Luxembourg used to call a Battle of the Giants between two men who are loved by their supporters above all for their ability to huri abuse at their opponents. Mr Heseltine may be moother and use his hands a lot less than Mr Prescott, but he is every bit as much a street-fighter.

mon, starting with the helief that they should be the leader of their party. They both direct their remarks straight to the voters, not to their political peers, even less the broadcasters. They both conjure up the passionate politics that used to be played on our screens years ago, before every utterance was tested on a focus group before delivery. While Mr Heseltine combines the showmanship of Quintin Hogg (now Lord Hailsham) with

Bessie Braddock as delivered by

Les Dawson They are both capable of verbal slips such as when Mr Heseltine referred to Michael Meacher as "Malcolm" and Peter Mandelson as "Mendleson", or when Mr Prescott, who enjoys Dickensian syntics and malapropisms, tried to get his tongue around the word statistics". Even their eyebrows compete for attention - Mr Heseltine's now wild and distracted, much like his eyes, Mr Prescott's a quizzical switchback ride. And until Mr Prescott took his Trappis vow of silence, both men preferred

a fast and loose debate peppered with ad libs.

Considering afte potential of the event, yesterdages ding-dong was a disappointment, more a dust-up than a punch-tip. The wit, what there was of it, was weak. When Mr Prescott asked Mr Heseltine, "how can you say that?" he replied, "Easy. I just hime." And when Mr Heseltine taunsed Mr Beith with "we all know there isn't going to be a Liberal government", he replied, "There isn't going to be a Conservative Government by the look of it". Not much on paper, perhaps, but the studio audience fell about. No, the most telling thing was

No, the most telling thing was

that Hezza - despite his heart

silver by the day - remains on fine form, still the best campaigning politician. It is an attribute that will stand him in good stead when the Tory leadership race begins in earnest on the night of May L

And then there is new Prescott, no longer an embarrassment, no longer politically incontinent. He is still capable of old Labour chippiness, as in yesterday's "Let's take The Guardian, just to show I'm an intellectual who reads these papers ... And how far he can keep that Bolshie alter ego in check will be the test of whether he will ultimately be thought of as an Emie Bevin or a George Brown.

Political armies move to bombard the marginals

Key voters are targeted by mail, phone and video, writes Andrew Pierce

IN the closing days of the campaign, all three major parties make no secret of the fact that they will be devoting all their energies to courting voters in about 90 marginal constituencies who will determine the colour of the new

John Major, Tony Blair and Paddy Ashdown have begun a blitz on the seats which hold the key to victory, with videos, posters, flags, telephone calls, personalised letters and personal visits. A video message from Mr Blair is being sent today to hundreds of first-time voters in 90 marginal seats as the last stage of Labour's Operation Victory swings into

The video tactic, borrowed from the United States, marks the beginning of the most crucial period at the end of the longest campaign since the

John Major will be at the forefront of the Tory effort with more high-profile walkabouts and speeches on his soapbox. But no one will be able to match the physical effort being expended by Mr Ashdown, who will travel by helicopter from Edinburgh to Land's End, spending 30 minutes in constituencies along

er, said: "We will see probably the most strengous criss crossing of the whole of Britain that we have ever seen from a party leader in the immediate

run-up to the election." Labour's video, Do It, has been produced by Bob Geldor's Planet 24 company and is designed to appeal to voters aged between 18 to 23. More than 100,000 copies of the film - shot in the key marginal of Gloucester - are being distributed.

Labour's new colour, purple, will be ever present as candidates have been sent 200,000 paper hats, posters and small flags declaring: "Vote now. Britain deserves

The party's codeword for the last five days, GOTV - Get out the Vote - has been unveiled by Peter Mandelson. Labour's chief strategist. He has targeted 72,000 voters in the 90 marginal seats who have been identified as "weak Labour", "positive Labour", or "squeezed Liberal Demo-

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crats". Any voters in those categories could open their front door to be confronted by Mr Blair, John Prescott and other members of the shadow cabinet. The party's 190 MPs

marginals in groups of up to 15

each day. Mr Blair will virtually abandon central London and the daily televised press conferences, to take his message

who are defending their seats into the country. be descending on

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Three senior Tories risk

SCOTTISH Conservatives are heading for defeat.

Mr Forsyth and Mr Rifkind are popular with their constituents with more than 50 per cent saying they are "good MPs". But in Stirling Mr Forsyth is trailing Labour's Anne McGuire by 21 points. and Mr Rifkind is eight points behind Labour's Lynda Clark in Edinburgh Pentlands. In 1992 Mr Forsyth won by only 703 votes, and even without the swing to Labour that is

boundary changes.
Fewer than a third of Mr Lang's constituents think he is

now a notional 236 because of

a good MP. 47 per cent say he is bad, and the poll puts Alasdair Morgan of the SNP

II points ahead. À deseat on such a scale would make it hard to find a credible Scottish Tory shadow cabinet to scrutinise Labour's devolution plans. But yesterday the party was playing down the significance of the poli, claiming it was unclear whether it accounted for unde-

cided voters. Privately, party sources also said the forecasts would galvanise wavering Conservahave been allocated an experienced MP, financial first aid, and supporters from neighbouring safe seats. The Conservatives rely on

which declined to discuss its strategy, will depend heavily

on the 250 professional constit-

uency agents to try to ensure

their efforts are targeted on

They are being supervised by regional and Conservative

Central Office. The marginals

the right seats.

direct mailshots and telephone canvassing to target switch voters. Tailored messages are being sent to first-time voters and waverers from the Prime Minister and the local candidate.

Grassroot supporters in safe seats such as Kensington and Chelsea will call thousands of targeted voters in seats as far away as Stirling. Cut-glass southern accents are deemed not to be a disadvantage in the effort to garner support in the industrial heartlands to the North.

For the Conservatives, the technique has an added advantage for its increasingly immobile army of workers, whose average age is 64.
"Their knees simply will not work any more," said one former Tory minister defending a marginal. "They can put in more work on the end of a

Central Office has sent letters to thousands of shareholders in privatised utilities in the marginals to warn them of the danger of Labour's windfall tax. Married couples in Middle England seats have also been sent details of pronosed Tory tax breaks.

The Conservative Party has once again mined the rich seam of two million expatriates who are eligible to vote. At least two marginals, Vale of Glamorgan and Bristol North West, held last time by 19 and 45 votes respectively, are believed to have stayed in Conservative hands at the last election because of the votes of Conservatives Abroad.

The Tory party has left nothing to chance. It even issued proxy forms to crews on the BT Global Challenge race to distribute to would be supporters in South Africa. Labour has struck back but has amassed only about 1,500 would-be supporters, compared with 20,000 potential names for the Tories.



Michael Forsyth is 21 points behind Labour

tive support, particulary in Edinburgh Pentlands. Similar polls in 1992 predicted that Rifkind and Forsyth would lose their seats but they man-aged to hold on.



Sir James Goldsmith addressing the press while out canvassing in Roehampton, southwest London, yesterday

Fighting to the end and spending their way to triumphant defeat

SOME £20 million will have been spent, but the rabble has barely been roused. Nationally, the Referendum Party is registering about 4 per cent in the opinion polls.

Goldsmith Sir James of) coverage of the party "makes Albania look like a superb democracy". And, despite a High Court challenge, the party has been given just one election broadcast.

But the Referendum Party does not have to be in the running for seats to unsettle the Tories. It merely has to win enough votes from disaffected Conservatives in marginal constituencies to let in opposition candidates. Sir James had thought that this threat would be enough to persuade John Major to accede to his party's demand for a general referendum on Europe. He still thinks that the Prime Minister might just do so before Thursday. If Mr Major did, Sir James would have to throw in the towel and

ask his supporters to return to the Tory fold. Labour, meanwhile, could be wrong-footed; if Tony Blair matched the Prime Minister's offer, it would look like the most desperate "me-too" ges-

ture of the campaign. Mr Major does have a record, when cornered, of taking his opponents by sur-prise. The leadership election he called in 1995 was a classic example. He might calculate that it is too late in the campaign for Kenneth Clarke to make trouble. And the move could allow him to claw back a fair number of seats. It could, however, also look panicky. And it would not sit

comfortably with Mr Major's campaign so far, which seems to have been aimed more at posterity than the present. Had the Prime Minister wanted to be hold on Europe. he could have decided to rule out joining a single currency in the next Parliament. But he chose to stick with "wait-and-

see". So Sir James and his "rabble army" battle on, with

The Referendum Party does not have to threaten to take seats in order to achieve its principal objective of a referendum on Europe, writes Mary Ann Sieghart

candidates fighting very indi-vidual campaigns. In Folkestone, the 200-keeper John Aspinall is standing for the Referendum Party against Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, on an "English nationalist" ticket. Quite what this entails is unclear, but Mr Aspinal delights in dividing his constituents into Angles. Saxons and Jutes. He thinks Mr Howard has a 50:50 chance of losing his seat.

The Referendum Party claims that its areas of relative strength are in the South East, the South West and East Angle, outside the big conurbations. Sir James's pursuit of Putney is somewhat quixotic; he would probably have done better in Richmond, his own constituency, which is less urban and more affluent. In Putney, such support as he is winning has come equally from Labour and Conservative, which is good news for his Tory opponent. David

Mellor. Sir James's style is far from that of the ordinary politician. On his rare forays to the doorstep he needs little encouragement to launch into a

ten-minute soliloquy about how opposition to Chancellor Kohl is growing in Lower Saxony. His speeches are analytical and discursive. with only the occasional lapse into almost biblical language. sions." he said on Friday night, "if monetary union goes ahead."

At a public meeting in Maidstone, Sir James warned his supporters that this Thursday was their "last chance to save Britain". These remaining few days are also Sir James's last chance to force the Tory party into ceding a referendum. If it did, he and his supporters would have achieved their purpose and could pack up and go. But this would seem a somewhat bathetic end to the billionaire's campaign.

losing seats in Scotland

By Shirley English

banking on a poor Labour turnout and a surge of support from floating voters to save three senior Cabinet ministers. The admission follows ICM polls in Scotland on Sunday and The Observer yesterday which reveal that Michael Forsyth, Scottish Secretary, Ian Lang, Trade Secretary, and Malcolm Rifkind, Foreign Secretary, are all

According to the polls, both E ECTION TRAIL

Conservatives: Michael Howard and Michael Portillo in the Midlands, Gillian Shephard in the West, Kenneth Clarke in the Northwest, Michael Heselune in the East. Heseline in the East.

Labour, John Prescott in the Midlands and Northwest, Robin Cook in Scotland. Jacks Straw in Northwest. Clare Short in the Southeast, Jack Cunningham in London, Harriet Harman in Comment.

Liberal Democrais: Paddy Ashdown in Southeast and Midlands. Shirley Williams in the East. Emma Nicholson in Oxfordshire.

Television: Labour election broadcast: ITV 6.55pm, C5 7.55pm, BBC1 9.50pm, BBC2 10.30pm, C4 11.15.

Blair has it all sewn up - on paper THE News of the World PRESSWATCH

ensured at least one landslide victory for Tony Blair yester-day by following the lead of its sister paper, The Sun, and endorsing him as the Man for the New Millennium" The News of the World has sales of more than 4.5 million (and nearly 12 million readers), and its backing for Blair means that five national Sunday newspapers, with sales of

9.6 million, have backed new

Labour, against four, with sales of 5.5 million, which

have backed the Tories. Re-

BRIAN MacARTHUR

readers - more than eight million - intend to vote for either Labour or the Liberal Democrats. The newspapers which have

opted for the Tories are The Mail on Sunday, The Sunday Times, The Express on Sunday and The Sunday Telegraph. search by MORI shows that seven in ten News of the World According to MORI, only The Sunday Times was "voting"

against its readers, more than half of whom intend to vote Labour or Liberal Democrat. although readers of The Mail on Sunday are almost evenly Opting for Labour are two

of its traditional supporters, the Sunday Mirror and The People, as well as The Observer and the Independent on Sunday, both of which also advised readers on where a vote for the Liberal Democrats would help to oust the Tories. There is a big anti-Tory majority among readers of all five Sunday newspapers backing Labour, with 88 per cent of

Observer readers and 85 per cent of Independent on Sunday readers intending to vote Labour or Liberal Democrat. Several national dailies

allegiances, although The Sun and The Mirror are backing Blair and will almost certainly be joined by The Guardian and The Independent. The Daily Telegraph, Daily Mail and The Express seem equally certain to endorse the Tories. The most interesting endorsements of the week will be from The Times and Financial Times, neither of which have yet declared their position.



The question of European integration and monetary union divides all the major parties and for many voters



Hasting into battle: led by John Redwood, with Michael Portillo following close behind, the Tory Eurosceptics deliver a mortal blow to John Major, who is flanked by Michael Heseltine and Kenneth Clarke

Who the Eurosceptic should back to give Brussels one in the eye

EUROSCEPTICS face a diffi-cult choice. Both main party leaders have stolen John Bull's clothes, one has even pinched his dog. Does either deserve his vote? What is the right choice for the sceptical voter. who believes that Europe is the big issue and wants to prevent further erosions of

Voting for one of the fringe parties, such as Sir James Goldsmith's Referendum Party or the United Kingdom Independence Party, may pro-vide emotional release for sceptics but will not, in itself, help to shape the Parliament and government which will take the important decisions. In Putney, where Sir James is standing, and Reigate, where the former Tory MP Sir George Gardiner is his candidate, they are better choices than any alternative but still marginal to the bigger battle.

However, neither Eurosceptics nor Europhiles can be absolutely confident that Britain's potential prime ministers deserve their trust. John Major has huffed and puffed before only to let the House down, while Tony Blair arble obstacles" to Britain entering economic and monetary union, but does not produce one that is a matter of personal principle.

The Conservatives are certainly more sceptical. John Major would keep the veto in areas where Tony Blair would surrender it, and he would stay out of the social chapter. Yet there are some Tory candidates who, if elected, would work more energetically than many Labour members to advance integration.

For the voter who considers Europe the decisive issue, there are several clear choices. The near-certainty of a Labour government makes them clearer. Sceptics should first support any Labour candidate who is an opponent of integration. The bigger the awkward squad behind Mr Blair, the

John Bull may want to defend Britain's cherished sovereignty at all costs, but backing fringe parties with little hope of power is a waste of his vote. Times writers analyse where his loyalties should lie

preferred. That reflects the advantage that Labour has in

the polls. Except to stop a Tory

Europhile, no sceptic should

vote for a Liberal Democrat

other than Nick Harvey, or a

nationalist. In Northern Ire-

land, sceptical voters should

support the sitting, or sole,

The Times has compiled four lists, of Tory Euro-sceptics, Tory Europhiles,

Labour Eurosceptics and Lab-our Europhiles. The lists can-

not be exhaustive.

Some names will

have been omitted,

but The Times

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strenuous efforts to

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Movement, or statements of

belief. All those listed as pro-

European go beyond a prefer-

ence for pragmatic co-operation and have taken up

positions in support of a

further transfer of powers. Thus, Sir Michael Shersby,

who as a Tory MP voted for

the Maastricht treaty, is not

classified as a Europhile, even

though as a backbencher he

had the opportunity to rebel.

because he has not associated

himself with any Europhile

body. Margaret Daly, the

Conservative candidate in

Weston-super-Mare, is includ-

ed as Europhile, as a support-

er of the European Movement.

qualified

less likely he is to pursue a federalist line. If the Tory rival is an explicit sceptic, it may be tempting to back him, but a sceptic tying Tony's hands is worth two in the Tory bush.

Where the opposition candidate's views are unknown, then sceptics should enthusiastically support a Tory candidate who has either explicitly ruled out the single currency or shown himself to be a consistent opponent of integration. In those cases where

the Labour candi-

date is explicitly **6** A Labour integrationist, sceptics should sceptic also vote Tory. That will be all the tying Tony easier if the Tory is. Blair's as many are, a principled sceptic. hands is In those seats where the Conserworth two actively in favour in the Tory of further integrabush 🤊 tion, then sceptics should vote against

the opposition candidate is pro-European. The targeting of Tory Europhiles may seem arbitrary, even perverse, particularly where Liberal Democrats stand to gain. However, the Commons will be just as Europhile whether the Tory or Liberal Democrat candidate in North Dorset wins, but if the Tory loses the Tory party as a whole will become more sceptical.

For the purposes of this guide, the party best placed to defeat Tory europhiles is identified. It is normally the nearest challenger, but where Labour is in third place and only 3,000 behind the Liberal Democrat, then Labour is

The waters have, inevitably, been muddled by electoral calculations. The lure of support from the millionaire Paul Sykes and from voters has wrung sceptical words from some Tory candidates for the first time. But some have attacked the single currency with a feather duster. Some claim only to be "not persuaded" of the advantages of a single currency. That should not persuade the voter. A clear and ringing "No" such as that offered by Alan Clark in Kensington is a better guarantee for the sceptic. The list below excludes Tory candidates whose opposition appears opportunistic.

On Labour's side, it has been difficult to identify the true position of candidates because those asked for their view on Europe have referred inquirers to Millbank, the party's communications

Evidence has been used to classify some of those who have already served in Parliament but, inevitably, it cannot be comprehensive.In constituencies where there is no candidate with an identifiable position on Europe, no recom-

mendation can be made. Even in those seats where a recommendation is made, voters may consider other factors important. Although Adrian Ropers is the scentical choice in Exeter, his outspoken views on homosexuality may be an insuperable barrier to some. Support for Jeremy Corbyn in Islington North will help to maintain a sceptical voice in Labour but defenders of parliamentary government may balk at voting for a candidate sympathetic to Irish republicanism.

Ultimately, each voter must weigh different considerations in the balance, but for John Bull, anxious to make his vote count, the information below may help. He cannot say that



Alan Clark with wife Jane: his ringing "No" to the single currency is a good guarantee to the sceptical voter









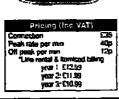
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THE following Conservative candidates deserve the support of Eurosceptic voters. They are listed alphabetically by constituency. They have either made a clear and credible statement of opposition to the single currency or otherwise shown themselves consistent opponents of integration. Aberavon - Peter Harper: Aldershot Gerald Aldridge-Howarth: Brownhills - Richard Shepherd: Alyn and Deeside -Tim Roberts: Altrincham and Sale West - Graham Brady; Arundel and South Downs -Howard Flight: Ayr - Phil Gallie: Basildon - John Baron: Basingstoke - Andrew Hunter, Beckenham - Piers Merchant: Beverley and Holderness - James Cran: Bexhill and Battle - Charles Wardle; Bexleyheath and Crayford - David Evennett; Billericay — Teresa Gorman: Birmingham Yardley -Anne Jobson: Blaby - Andrew Robathan: Blackpool South - Richard Booth: Bognor Regis and Littlehampton - Nick Gibb: Bolton North-East - Robert Wilson: Boston and Skegness - Sir Richard Body: Brent North - Sir Rhodes Boyson: Brent South - Stewart Jackson: Brentford and Isleworth Nirj Deva; Brigg and Goole - Donald Stewart.

Bristol East — Eddie Vaizey: Bristol North-West — Mich-

ael Stern: Bromley and Chislehurst - Eric Forth: Bromsgrove - Juli Kirkbride; Broxbourne Julie Marion Roe; Buckingham -John Bercow: Burton - Sir Ivan Lawrence; Bury St Edmunds — David Ruffley; Cambridgeshire South — Andrew Lansley; Cambridgeshire South-East — James Paice; Canterbury Julian Brazier: Ceredigion — Felix Aubel; Chingford and Woodford Green - Iain Duncan Smith: Chorley — Den Dover: Christchurch — Chris Chape: Cleethorpes — Michael Brown: Clwyd South — Boris Johnson; Clwyd West - Rod Richards: Colchester Stephan Shakespeare: Coine Valley – Graham Riddick; Congelton — Ann Winterton: Cornwall North - Nigel Linacre; Cornwall South-East -Warwick Lightfoot: Coventry North-West - Paul Bartlett: Crawley - Josephine Crabb: Croydon North — ian Martin: Dartford — Bob Dunn: Derby South — Javed Arain: Don Valley -- Clare Gledhill: Dorset West — Oliver Letwin; Dover — David Shaw; Ealing North — Harry Greenway: Easington — Jason Hollands; Edinburgh North and Leith - Ewen Stewart; Edmonton - lan Twinn; Enfield North - Mark Field: Enfield Southgate - Michael Portillo; **Epsom and Ewell** — Sir

Exeter - Dr Adrian Rogers: Fareham — Sir Peter Lloyd: Finchley and Golders Green - John Marshall; File Central - Jacob Rees-Mogg: Folkestone - Michael Howard: Gainsborough Edward Leigh; Gower - Alun Cairns: Gravesham -Jacques Arnold: Great Yarmouth - Michael Carttiss; Harrogate Knaresborough Lamont, Harwich - lain Sproat; Havant -- David Willets: Hemel Hempstead -Rob Jones: Hitchin and Harpenden - Peter Lilley: Holborn and St Pancras -Julian Smith: Horsham -Francis Maude; Houghton and Washington East - Philip Booth; Ilford North -Vivian Bendall; Inverness East, Nairn and Lochaber -Mary Scanlon: Isle of Wight Andrew Turner: Islington South and Finsbury - David Berens; Islwyn - Russell Walters; Jarrow - Mark Allatt: Kensington and Cheisea -Alan Clark: Leeds Central -Edward Wild: Leicester South - Chris Heaton-Harris; Leigh - Ed Young; Lewisham East — Hollobone: Lichfield -- Michael Fabricant; Liverpool Wavertree - Kit Malthouse; Louth and Horncastle - Sir Peter Tapsell: Ludlow -Christopher Gill; Luton

North - Bernard Jenkin; | clesfield -Winterton: Maidstone and the Weald

the Weald - Ann Widdecombe: Maldon and East Chelmsford - John Whittingdale: Manchester Central - Simon McIlwaine: Manchester Gorton - Guy Senior: Mansfield — Tim Frost: Milton Keynes South-West — Barry Legg; Mitcham and Morden — Dame Angela Rumbold: Mole Valley - Sir Paul Beresford: Monmouth -Roger Evans; New Forest East - Julian Lewis: New Forest West - Desmond Swayne: Northampton North - Tony Marlow: Norwich North - Robert Kinghorn: Normanton — Fiona Bulmer: Oldham East and Saddleworth - John Hudson: Orpington - John Horam; Oxford East - Jonathon Djanogly: Penrith and the Border - David Maclean; Peterborough - Jackie Fos-

ter; Pontefract and Castleford — Adrian Flook: Poplar and Canning Town -Bene't Steinberg: Poole -Robert Syms: Portsmouth South - David Martin; Pudsey - Peter Bone: Rayleigh - Dr Michael Clark: Reading East - John Watts; Reading West - Nick Bennett: Regent's Park and Kensington North — Paul McGuiness; Ribble Valley — Nigel Evans: Richmond —

Nicholas | and Southend East - Sir | - Lady Olga Maitland; Swin-Teddy Taylor; Rother Valley - Steven Stanbury; Rotherham - Simon Gordon: Rugby and Kenilworth - James Pawsey: Ruislip-Northwood - John Wilkinson; Runnymede and Weybridge — Philip Hammond; Rutland and Melton - Alan Duncan:

Salisbury — Robert Key: Sal-ford — Elliot Bishop: Scarborough and Whitby - John Sykes: Scunthorpe - Martyn Fisher: Sevenoaks - Michael Fallon: Sheffield Central -Martin Hess: Sheffield Hillsborough - David Nuttall; Shipley — Sir Marcus Fox: Shropshire North — Owen Patterson;

Sittingbourne and Sheppey - Sir Roger Moate; South Holland and Deepings -John Hayes; South Shields — Mark Hoban: Southampton Itchen - Peter Fleet; Staffordshire Moorlands - Dr Andrew Ashworth; Southend West - David Amess: Speithorne — David Wilshire: St Ives - William Rodgers: Stafford - David Cameron: Staffordshire Moorlands -Dr Andrew Asworth

Stirling - Michael Forsyth: Stoke-on-Trent North -Christopher Day: Stone - Bill Cash: Stourbridge - Warren Hawksley: Stroud - Roger Knapman: Suffolk Central and North Ipswich - Mich-Archie Hamilton; Essex North - David Senior; Mac- William Hague: Rochford ael Lord; Sutton and Cheam

don North - Guy Opperman; Tatton - Neil Hamilton; Tayside North — Bill Walker: Teignbridge – Patrick Nicholls; Telford - Bernard Gentry: Tewkeschury — Law-rence Robertson: Thanet South - Jonathan Aitken: Tiverton and Honiton — Angela Browning: Torbay — Rupert Allason: Totnes -Anthony Steen: Tunbridge Wells - Archie Norman; Twickenham - Toby Jessel; Tynemouth - Martin Callanan: Tyne Bridge -Adrian Lee: **Úpminster** - Sir Nicholas Bonsor, Vale of Glamorgan - Walter Sweeney: Wansbeck — Paul Green: Wansdyke — Mark Prisk: Warley - Christopher Pincher; Waveney - David Porter: Wellingborough - Sir Peter Fry: Wells - David Heathorat-Amory: Welwyn Hatfield - David Evans: Westmorland and Lonsdale Tim Collins; West

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1s an issue that transcends party loyalty. The Times offers a guide to like-minded candidates of every hue



Friend or foe: Robin Cook and John Prescott lead the sceptic charge against Tony Blair, who is shielded by Gordon Brown and Peter Mandelson. In Opposition, Labour has subdued its historic hostility to Europe

ENTHUSIASTS WHO EMBRACE THE UNION



Peter Temple-Morris



Ian Taylor



Sir Edward Heath





Continental drift opens both parties' fault lines

A free vote on monetary union is far from being a Eurosceptic lifeline

BOTH Britain's main parties tant continuity has been the are broad churches, but they are built on the treacherous ground where continental plates meet. Although the Tory party's splits on Europe are more visible, prompting Tim Renton, the former Chief Whip, to call the issue his party's "San Andreas Fault", Labour too has its divisions.

The hard decisions necessary in Government, and the fragility of John Major's majority, have ensured greater attention is paid to Tory fault lines. The Tories have grown restive while Labour, hungry for power, has suppressed its old appetite for internal

come identified with the feuding which was once Labour's curse. The more significant change, however, has been the transformation in the strength of the dominant factions in preservation of an establishment majority in favour of ever closer union. Whatever the election result, the Commons is still on course to produce a broadly Europhile

The Labour and Tory parties have been divided on the merits of European integration since the process started. Harold Macmillan's early overtures to Europe were viewed critically by several members of his Cabinet, and when Edward Heath eventually negotiated entry it was in the teeth of backbench opposition led by Enoch Powell. Mr Heath only secured entry with the help of pro-European Lab-

our MPs who defied the whip. Those Labour rebels were a significant minority, but a minority nevertheless. In 1962 Hugh Gaitskell, then party leader, committed Labour to oppose entry and the consequent ending of "a thousand

years of history".

The shift in attitudes which has seen the Tories take the more sceptical line is a product of changes in the European Union itself. The development of the social dimension and the growing transfer of powers to a supra-national bureaucracy has been uncongenial to Conservatives in Government and progressively more attractive to a Labour party in Opposition.

But the colour of the Gov-

ernment can be less important than the numbers on the backbenches. In order to finesse his own party, Mr Major has promised a public referendum and a parliamentary free vote on a single currency. It has been presented as a victory for Tory sceptics. They should not cheer too soon. When in a similar bind in the Seventies, Harold Wilson bowed to his

leash. He called a referendum in 1974 and allowed his MPs and ministers the freedom to campaign on either side. Although some of his most talented lieutenants fought vigorously for a "No" vote, the weight of establishment pressure, with the Tory Opposition heavily in favour, helped secure a "Yes".

A free vote in the next Parliament might appear to allow Tory sceptics their head. but it would also allow Conservative Europhiles the freedom to support a single leader determined to oppose it as effectively as possible would find that his backbench federalists had a licence to fraternise. He would need a united party to prevent the nound's abolition: Europhiles, given the freedom to vote as they wish, would make his task harder.

Tory Europhiles to watch out for

voters should not support. Those whom Labour is best placed to prevent entering Parliament are:

Barnsley East and Mexbor ough - Jane Ellison; Banbury - Tony Baldry, Battersea - John Bowis: Bedfordshire South-West - Sir David Madel; Birmingham Edgbas ton — Andrew Marshall; Bournemouth W — John Butterfill; Bolton W - Tom Sackville: Broxtowe - Jim Lester: Brighton Kemptown - Sir Andrew Bowden; Bury N - Alistair Burt: Bury S David Sumberg: Cambridge - David Platt; Cardiff W -Simon Hoare; Daventry -Tim Boswell: Derbyshire S Edwina Currie; Dulwich & W

Norwood - Roger Gough: Elmet — Spencer Batiste; Esher & Walton — Ian Taylor; Falmouth & Camborne -Sebastian Coe: Faversham & Mid-Kent - Andrew Rowe; Gillingham - James Couch-man; Grantham & Stamford Quentin Davies; Hamp-

The following is a list of Tory | stead & Highgate — Elizabeth | Jonathan Evans; Bourne | Northavon — Sir John Cope. Europhiles whom sceptical | Gibson; Harlow — Jerry | mouth E — David Atkinson; Oxford W & Abingdon — Hayes; Harrow E - Hugh Dykes; Harrow W -- Robert Hughes, Horneharch -- Robin Squire; Hove - Robert Guy; Lancaster & Wyre -Keith Mans; Leeds NW -Keith Hampson: Leicestershire NW - Robert Goodwill; Luten S — Sir Graham Bright; Milton Keynes NE — Peter Butler; Old Bexley and Sidcup - Sir Edward Heath; Preseli Pembrokeshire -Robert Buckland; Redditch Anthea McIntyre: Ribble S -Robert Atkins; Rushcliffe -Kenneth Clarke; St Albans David Rutley; Staffordshire S - Sir Patrick Cormack; Stockton S — Tim Devlin; Suffolk Coastal — John Gummer; Wantage — Robert Jackson:

Wirral W - David Hunt; Wolverhampton NE - David Harvey; Wycombe - Ray Whitney. Those whom the Liberal Democrats are best placed to

beat: Ashford - Damian Green;

dersfield - Barry Sheerman; Hall North - Kevin McNa

Brentwood & Ongar - Eric Pickles; Cambridgeshire NE - Malcolm Moss; Carshalton & Wallington — Nigel For-man; Devizes — Michael Ancram; Devon E — Sir Peter Emery: Dorset N — Robert Walter; Esber & Walton -Ian Taylor; Hampshire E — Michael Mates; Harborough - Edward Garnier, Hastings

& Rye - Jacqui Lait; Henley - Michael Heseltine: Leominster - Peter Temple-Morris: Lewes - Tim Rathbone;

Laurence Harris; Saffron Walden - Sir Alan Haselhurst, Skipton & Ripon -David Curry; Somerton & Frome - Mark Robinson: Surrey SW - Virginia Bottomley; Vale of York - Anne McIntosh: Wantage - Robert Jackson: Weston-super-Mare - Margaret Daly; Mid-Worcestershire - Peter Luff; Wor-Plaid Cymru is best placed

thing W - Peter Bottomley. to beat: Meirionnydd Nant Conwy - Jeremy Quin.

Why John Bull backs Benn and Skinner

The following are the Labour candidates sceptics should support. They are at least a force for open-mindedness within the party. Those fight-ing Tory Europhile opponents have a stronger claim on sceptic votes. Where the Tory is a pronounced sceptic that is Barnsley West and Penistone

Michael Clapham: Birmingham Erdington — Robin Corbett Birmingham Hodge Hill — Terry Davis (Tory candidate Edward Grant is europhile); Blackburn — Jack Straw: Blaenau Gweat - Llewellyn Smith: Blaydon - John McWilliam: Blyth Valley - Ronnie Campbell: Bolsover - Dennis Skinner (Tory candidate Richard Harwood is europhile): Bradford South — Gerry Suncliffe; Brent East — Ken Livingstone (but Tory candi-date Mark François is also a sceptic): Chesterfield - Tony Benn: Clydesdale - Jimmy Hood: Crewe and Nantwich - Gwyneth Dunwoody: Derbyshire North-East - Harry Barnes: Durham City - Gerry Steinberg (Tory candidate Richard Chalk is europhile); Ealing Southall - Piara Khabra; Erith and Thamesmead - John Austin-Walker, Falkirk East - Mich-



Tont Benn

ael Connarty: Falkirk West Dennis Canavan: Glasgow Pollok - Jan Davidson; Glasgow Baillieston - James Wray: Great Grimsby - Austin Mitchell (Tory opponent Dean Godson is also sceptic): Hackney North and Stoke Newington — Diane Abbot; Halifax — Alice Mahon; Hull East — John Prescott; Ipswich - Jamie Cann (Tory candidate Stephen Castle is Europhile); Islington North - Jeremy Corbyn; Keighley - Ann Cryer: Kingswood - Roger Berry: Leyton and Wanstead - Harry Cohen (Tory candidate Robert Vaudry is europhile): Livingston — Rob-in Cook: Lianelli — Denzil Davies; Merthyr Tydfil and Dem w Rhymney — Ted Rowlands; support: Neath — Peter Hain; Notting Harvey



Kate Hoey

ham South — Alan Simpson; Ogmore — Sir Ray Powell; Oldham West and Royton -Michael Meacher (Tory candidate Jonathon Lord is also sceptic); Paisley North -Irene Adams; Pendle - Gordon Prentice: Preston - Audrey Wise (Tory candidate Paul Gray is also sceptic); Sheffield Brightside — David Blunkett; Sheffield Heeley — Bill Michie: Sunderland North — Bill Etherington: Tottenham - Bernie Grant: Vauxhall - Kate Hoey (Tory candidate Richard Bacon is europhile): Worsley - Terry Lewis (Tory candidate Damian Garrido is europhile. There is one Lib-Dem whom sceptics should support: North Devon - Nick



Peter Mandelson

AGAINST

The following are Labour candidates who are Europhiles. Sceptics should vote Tory to prevent their election. If the Conservative Party's candidate is a pronounced Eurosceptic, that is Ashfield - Geoff Hoon; Bark-

ing - Margaret Hodge: Barrow-in-Furness - John Hut-ton (Tory candidate Richard Hunt is a sceptic): Bassetlaw – Joe Ashton; Bridgend – Win Griffiths; Cannock Chase - Tony Wright: Carrick, Cumnock and Doon Valley - George Foulkes; Clydebank and Milngavie --Tony Worthington: Cynon Valley - Ann Clwyd; Dun-



Joyce Quin fermline East — Gordon

Brown (Tory candidate lan Mitchell is a sceptic); Dun-fermline West — Rachel Squire; Durham North — Giles Radice: East Ham -Stephen Timms (Tory candidate Angie Bray is a sceptic): East Lothian - John Home Robertson (Tory candidate Murdo Fraser is a sceptich Gateshead East and Washington West — Joyce Quin; Glasgow Catheart — John Maxton; Greenwich and Woolwich - Nick Raynsford; Hackney South and Shore-ditch — Brian Sedgemore (Tory candidate Chris O'Leary is a sceptic): Hamilton South George Robertson; Hartlepool - Peter Mandelson (Tory candidate Michael Horsley is a sceptic); Hud-

mara: Uford South - Michael Gapes; Knowstey South --Eddie O'Hara; Lancashire West - Colin Pickthall; Leicester East - Keith Vaz; Middlesbrough - Stuart Bell; Morley and Rothwell -John Gunnell; Newport West - Paul Flynn (Tory candidate Peter Clarke is a scentich: Ochil - Martin O'Neill (Tory candidate Alan Hogarth is a sceptic); Rotherham - Denis MacShane (Tory candidate Simon Gordon is a sceptic); Sheffield Attercliffe - Clive Betts (Tory candidate Brendan Doyle is a sceptic); Sherwood - Paddy Tipping; Stoke-on-Trent Central - Mark Fisher (Tory candidate Neil Jones is a sceptic); Strathkelvin and Bearsden — Sam Galbraith; Streatham — Keith Hill; Swansea East — Donald Anderson: Thurrock — Andrew Mackinlay (Tory candidate Andrew Rossindell is a sceptic); Tooting — Tom Cox (Tory candidate James Hutchings is a sceptic); Western Isles -Calum MacDonald; West Ham - Tony Banks (Tory candidate Mark McGregor is a sceptic); Wolverhampton South-East - Dennis Turner; Workington - Dale Campbell-Savours (Tory candidate Robert Blunden is a sceptic):

Wrexham - Dr John Marek:

York — Hugh Bayley.

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Mugabe wife and aides 'got millions' in housing fraud

FROM JAN RAATH IN HARARE

PRESIDENT MUGABE'S wife Grace, 32, and dozens of members of his administration illegally borrowed millions of dollars from a housing finance scheme set up by a United States aid programme meant to benefit the urban poor, evidence in a court here has disclosed.

Documents before the High Court name the new Mrs Mugabe, the President's sister Bridget, two other members of his extended family, Stan Mudenge, the Foreign Minister, and Augustine Chihuri, the police commissioner, as having been granted loans for lavish homes from a guarantee fund meant for people on the breadline, earning \$Zim1,200 (£67) a month. They also name Elleck Mashingaidze, the recently retired secret police chief, Bornwell Chakaodza, the director of information, a high court judge, deputy ministers, MPs and senior officials. Last night, the President's office

He came with a mission and a vision for the poor," the state-controlled press reported last year of Paul Enders, of the US Agency for International Development. helped to establish the scheme.

Documents before Judge George Smith show that Mrs Mugabe was

lent \$Zim1.9 million towards the \$Zim6 million cost of a 30-room double-storey mansion being built for her and her three children in Harare's most exclusive suburb.

The revelations emerged from a civil suit brought by a privately employed lawyer who was able to borrow money from the National Housing Guarantee Fund and sued the Housing Ministry after it stopped him from occupying the house because his payments were in ar-

doubts about her leadership

rears. Judge Smith reserved judgment indefinitely. Paul Kodzwa, the former Permanent Secretary to the Housing Ministry, admitted that the fund had been illegally used. Up to \$Zim90 million may never be recovered and housing projects have been set back,

The evidence has given the surest indication yet of the pervasive corruption among what has become known as "the Mugabe royal family" and the senior ranks of his former Marxist-



In spite of speculation that President Mandela's former wife would

be voted out because of her style of

leadership, she beat Thandi

on Saturday. (Reuter)

Modise, her main opponent and deputy, by 656 votes to 114 at a meeting of 1,000 delegates at Mrs Mandela: won in spite of Rustenburg, North West Province,

leaning Zimbabwe African National Union (Patriotic Front) party as it ardently champions "market forces" and measures for black economic empowerment.

The disclosures coincided with a letter from the Zimbabwe Catholic Bishops' Conference, condemning the rampant greed and sleaze that have come to characterise Zimbabwean society. It said that the Government had failed to reach its goals of an egalitarian society and the equitable distribution of wealth and land.

President Mugabe, now in his seventeenth year of almost absolute rule in a de facto one-party state, appears to be in danger of being overwhelmed by the corruption in his administration.

He is under fire over allegations in the past month that top party officials - including his new brother-in-law, Reward Marufu - lied about nonexistent guerrilla war injuries to be paid millions of dollars in compensa-tion from the Government, and the rigged award of a licence for a lucrative cellular telephone system that went to a company that included and the husband and cousin of Joyce Mujuru, the Information Minister, who issued the licence.



Hong Qiaoling with her six-month-old baby Fangyian after spending 100 days in a glass cage with 38,000 snakes

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FROM REUTER IN HONG KONG

AN AMUSEMENT park in China where six members of a 'snake clan", including two children, were locked in a glass cage with thousands of poisonous snakes - to break a record that is not recognised - was denounced yesterday by human rights activists.

The six had been bitten repeatedly but were not allowed to leave the cage, the Sunday Morning Post reported from the southern Chinese city of Panyu. A spokesman for the Flying Dragon World Park said the "snake people" had agreed to live with the reptiles for 100 days - ending vesterday. The newspaper also quoted a spokeswoman for the London-based Guinness Book of World Records as saying that the stunt would not be accepted for publication because the marathon record category had been deleted.

Ho Hei-Wah, chairman of the Hong Kong Human Rights Commission, urged tourists to boycott the park.

Opposition chief says Cambodia faces civil war

By DAVID WATTS

CAMBODIA is on the verge of civil war, and unless foreign donors begin to link further aid to good governance the country is in danger of becoming an international beggar.

External aid of more than \$500 million (£308 million) a year - including \$7 million in direct British aid apart from Britain's contributions through the United Nations only serves to cover the country's deficit, says Sam Rainsy, leader of the opposition Khmer National Party.

Mr Rainsy, a former Finance Minister, paints a grim picture of a country fast regressing to its authoritarian Communist past under the influence of corruption and anti-democratic violence. Aid. he says, obviates the need for Phnom Penh to govern

Mr Kainsy, who has survived one grenade attack this year, warned Britain that there were serious threats to next year's elections, with Hun Sen, the joint Prime Minister, determined to "seize absolute power by any means", since he knows he has little chance of retaining even a share of power after the poll.

"Cambodia has the largest per capita international assistance in the world, but even so the country is getting poorer and poorer," he told The Times in an interview in London. "It's just like a tank with a hole in it. You keep putting water in, but the water

level does not rise. You have to Western aid money, he says.

is being paid because "that way everybody can relax. They think with money they can buy back their bad conscience on Cambodia".

As in the Lon Nol era of "ghost soldiers" in the 1970s, the military and military procurement are the focus of corruption on an epic scale.

If the West's generosity is doing Cambodia no favours. then neither are Malaysia, Thailand, which tell Phnom Penh not to worry about democracy and human rights while the economy is developing. — then take advantage of Cambodia's lax laws and corruption to exploit its resources.

The grenade attack last month on a KNP rally was symptomatic of Hun Sen's determination to follow his own maxim: "When we don't when we have power we must keep it; power is something which cannot be shared." Mr Rainsy is convinced that

it was just the first chapter in an effort to create an atmosphere in which it will be impossible to hold elections. If Cambodia gets a reprieve and is able to conduct free and fair elections, Mr Rainsy has a vision of it being the key to a "reverse domino effect" in which democracy spreads inexorably to the last Commu-



Koala: huge appetite for food and mating

Koalas to have 'Pill' implant

Sydney: A colony of koalas, a species under serious threat of extinction according to wildlife experts, is to be given birth control hormones (Roger Maynard writes).

In an experiment in the Australian state of Victoria aimed at stemming regional population explosions, scienlists have begun implanting small silicone tubes beneath the skin of 100 koalas which live on a reserve at Warrnambool, near Melbourne. The tubes contain a hormone which will act as a contraceptive over a five-year period.

Koalas have a high rate of reproduction. As a result. colonies often destroy their habitat through overeating. It takes the leaves from 1.000 eucalyptus trees to provide a year's food for one koala.

Last year the South Australian state government rejected a plan to shoot koalas to keep down the local population after activists protested.

Hunt for killers of Israeli women

FROM ROSS DUNN IN JERUSALEM

ISRAELI and Palestinian security forces are working together to find the killers of two young Jewish women in the West Bank.

Soldiers, police and volunteers yesterday searched the hills of the Judean desert for clues to the murders of the women, both 23. Their bodies, with multiple stab wounds. were found in the area known as Wadi Kelt, a popular hiking trail near Jericho.

After a post-mortem examination showed they had not been raped, Israeli police were assuming that the murders were carried out by Palestinian extremists. One of the victims, Liat Kastiel, was buried yesterday in her home town of Holon. The other Hagit Zavitzky will be buried

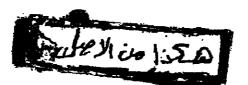
tomorrow According to one report, the women's throats had been slashed and their bodies dragged down a hill and thrown into the Wadi, a rocky

Binyamin Netanyahu, the Israeli Prime Minister, expressed shock and hoped that, with the help of the Palestinian police, the killers would be caught. Yassir Arafat, President of the Palestinian Authority, also condemned the killings, calling them "bestial and a disgrace".



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Kabila sets UN deadline to rescue Hutu refugees

LAURENT KABILA, Zaire's rebel leader, last night gave the United Nations 60 days to repatriate all Hutu refugees in the country "or we will do it ourselves". Speaking after talks with UN and European Union officials he demanded that the airlift begin on

Thursday.

The rebel leader said he was seeking a personal apology from Kofi Annan, the UN Secretary-General, for accusing his troops of deliberately allowing thousands of refugees to die. He claimed his forces knew the whereabouts of more than 50,000 people who fled their makeshift camps south of Kisangani last week to escape attacks from local villagers.

As Mr Kabila spoke, UN aid agency officials overflying eastern Zaire reported that they had spotted several hundred people, probably Huturefugees, gathered 25 miles south of Kisangani.

In a last-ditch attempt to head off a battle for Kinshasa, the capital, Bill Richardson, Washington's Ambassador to the United Nations, a diplomatic trouble-shooter, is to

The leader of Zaire's rebels is challenging United Nations claims that his forces are bent on the extermination of fleeing Hutus James Bone and Sam Kiley report

travel to Zaire to arrange peace talks between President Mobutu and Mr Kabila. A former Congressman from New Mexico who has undertaken sensitive diplomatic missions to Haiti, Burma, Sudan, Iraq and North Korea, Mr Richardson was dispatched by President Clinton at the weekend in an effort to end the civil war that has

end the civil war that has raged since last October. Zaire's third largest city, last week, jeopardising plans to fly Mr Kabila's ultimatum to them home to Rwanda. The the UN came after aid organflight from the temporary isations and the UN had refugee camps appears to have been sparked by attacks on them by local Zairean accused the rebels of attempting a slow extermination of the Rwandan Hutu refugees in peasants who hate the Hutus eastern Zaire. because extremists among the There has been increasing refugees have killed large hysteria concerning the wel-

fare of up to 100,000 Hutu refugees in eastern Zaire, in which aid groups and the UN have criticised rebel forces of have criticised responsible massacres of massacres of the commissioner for Refu-

gees was worsened by reports that members of the extremist Hutu militia, the Interahamwe, were forcing civilians to leave muster points and flee into the jungle rather than be sent home in Rwanda, where members of the militia are likely to be prosecuted for their part in the 1994 genocide of a million Tutsis and Hutu moderates.

Many, if not most, of the Hutu refugees now trapped in eastern Zaire are women and children who had only a passive part in committing the genocide. The UN and other groups have gone out of their way to criticise the rebels for denying access to the Hutus. But at the same time they have accused the rebels of committing massacres with the evidence only of alleged Hutu survivors.

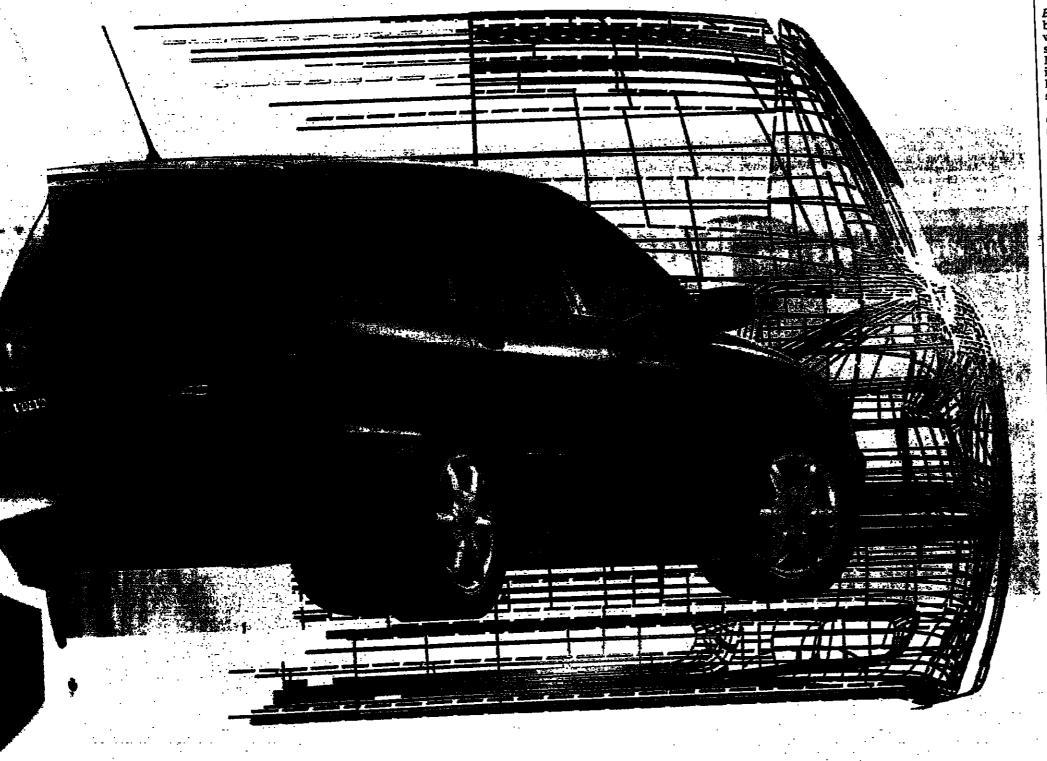
survivors.

In Kinshasa yesterday, a mere 2,000 supporters of President Mobutu turned out for a political rally by the party he founded. "No to weapons, yes to elections," one banner proclaimed. "Hold tight Marshal, we support you," read a small flag. The embattled President did not appear.



A supporter of President Mobutu hands a party flag to a government soldier at a Kinshasa rally yesterday

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Kennedy son faces 'teenage sex' row

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

SEXUAL antics, which have plagued three generations of Kennedys, yesterday added a new chapter when Michael Kennedy, son of the late Senator Robert Kennedy, was alleged to have slept with his children's teenage babysitter.

children's teenage babysitter.

As a result of reports in the Boston Globe that he had begun an affair with the woman five years ago when she was 14, prosecutors in Massachusetts have begun an investigation to discover if Mr Kennedy. 39, had violated the bridge "an inspiring entrance to this modern city". (Reuter)

statutory rape laws.

The teenager and her parents, Paul and June Verrochi. once close friends of Mr Kennedy, have filed no criminal complaint, but the Massachusetts police said they were working with the district attorney's sexual assault unit to discover whether any crime

had been committed.

Unmarried neighbours and triends had told the newspaper that Mr Kennedy had been under Victoria, his wife of lo years, caught the couple in bed at their home in the seaside hamlet of Cohasset.

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Mrs Kennedy reportedly demanded that her husband enter a rehabilitation programme for alcoholics, but he continued to see the Verrochi girl and is reported to have stalked her before the teenager, now a student at Boston

University, left him.

Last week Mr Kennedy announced that he and his wife were separating "amicably". Thomas Dwyer, his lawyer, said: "Because this matter is now under legal review, we will have no comment at this time." Mr Kennedy ran the 1994 Senate campaign for his uncle, Senator Edward Kennedy, and had considered running for Congress.



Michael Kennedy: rape inquiry over babysitter

Thatcher dedicates

Hong Kong: The colony celebrated in style when Baroness Thatcher opened a 1.3-mile suspension bridge to the new airport here yesterday. Tens of thousands of people flocked to witness one of the last big British events before the return to Chinese rule at midnight on June 30. One notable absentee was the future leader. Tung Chee-hwa. Lady Thatcher, who signed the 1984

Softer on drugs

Paris: Lionel Jospin, the opposition Socialist leader, who has admitted to smoking hashish twice in his life, told a television interviewer that he wanted to decriminalise use of the drug if his party emerged victorious from two-stage French parliamentary elections on May 25 and June 1. "Legalising sounds like justifying; penalising is absurd. I think we have to find a line somewhere between the two," he said. (Reuter)

Golan 'mistake'

Jerusalem: In a secret interview he gave 20 years ago and published yesterday. Moshe Dayan, the late former Israeli Defence Minister, admitted he should not have occupied the Golan Heights in Syria in allowing the conquest ... as Defence Minister I should have stopped it because the Syrians were not threatening us at the time," he said. (AFP)

Papal vision

Prague: The Pope celebrated Mass with more than 100,000 people here to mark the 1,000th anniversary of the martyrdom of the missionary St Adalbert and told Czechs that their long Christian tradition was the guarantee of their future. "Your Christian history is not over ... your saints are alive," he said. (Reuter)

Canadian poll

Ottawa: Jean Chrétien, the Canadian Prime Minister, who is ahead in opinion polls, is calling a general election for Inne 2, which is 17 months early, according to a statement issued shortly before he was to have a meeting with the Governor-General. (Reuter)

US crusade launched to combat youth crime Stephington: President Cline eral Powell stepped on to the

Washington: President Clinton and General Colin Powell, the popular Gulf Warveteran, entered a political battle for the heart of their country yesterday as they launched a new volunteer army to keep young Americans off the streets (Tom

Ostensibly a non-partisan event, the President's Summit for America's Future opened in Philadelphia thick with political symbolism. The event was intended as a "wake-up" call to volunteers throughout the country. Gen-

Rhodes writes).

podium to inaugurate what he described as a crusade to bring back the American Dream. He said: "Black and white are coming together because we care, because we are a compassionate nation."

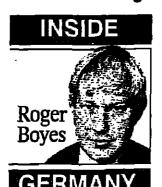
Mr Clinton announced a series of proposals to provide help for children. He has asked for \$2.5 billion (£1.5 billion) for a programme entitled America Reads with which he hopes to improve standards of education. "We are still losing too many kids

to crime and drugs," he said.

'Herr Clean' stays spotless as Bonn makes its marks with backhanders

orruption scandals, as old Eastern Europe hands will testify, are part of the pantomime of power. Few leaders can be ousted without some controlled exposure of bribery. nepotism or abuse of power.

Sleaze is everywhere, but it gains political edge when there is a sense of fin de regime. Brezhnev and Chernenko's men were discredited in this way and even Martin Bell's current campaign in Tatton carries some familiar echoes; a political class is being reshuffled, a leader is stumbling, the hunt is on for material that blackens outgoing politicians and lends le-



exception to the rule. Over the past 15 years it has developed into a deeply corrupt state, yet the position of Helmut Kohl,

ruled over the whole period, has barely been dented. In the league table formu-

lated by the Berlin-based group. Transparency International. Germany does quite well - it is the thirteenth most virtuous country (just behind Britain) out of 54. New Zealand is cleanest, Nigeria the most corrupt. But the table does not score company-to-company corruption and focuses mainly on cases of German public officials who have been caught taking bribes. That leaves out the main thrust of German corruption, neglects its flawed tax laws and poor prosecution record, its fre-

quent bribery of officials in

the Third World in pursuit of almost always attached itself contracts. Recent books (Der to those critical of him. The contracts. Recent books (Der Sumpf by Jürgen Roth, Wirtschaften Ohne Kurruption by Weiner Ruegemer), a mass of anecdotal evidence. and a passing acquaintance with the holiday habits of backbenchers and lobbyists suggest how bent German society has become.

he Prussian rectitude of the civil service has been crumbling, and the cosy consensual partnership between finance and industry is turning into a club of backscratchers.

The key to Herr Kohl's survival of sleaze is that

Flick affair, for example, claimed the career of the Free Democrat, Count Otto Lambsdorff, who stepped down in 1984 some three years before the case — linking tax evasion with murky party financing - came to court. The sharptongued count was one of the few politicians feared by Herr Kohl. Herr Kohl knows

personal power. Little wonder that he has been slow to push through an anti-corruption law - better to deny sleaze exists and exploit it when the occasion demands - or that Bonn is so sluggish in taking up the

how to use sleaze to fortify his

for Economic Co-operation and Development against corruption. This has now become a source of friction between America and Germany. The Americans have been pressing for an OECD meeting in Paris next month to eliminate tax loopholes for bribery. Under German law, companies are allowed to deduct bribes from their tax bills as a legitimate business expense. The kickbacks are taxable when they become the subject of a criminal complaint. Naturally, this does not happen very often. Even under the terms of a new tougher draft which

is winding its way through

initiative of the Organisation parliament, it will still be possible to claim tax breaks for bribes paid abroad.

lain Farson, a State Department official. has just let off a broadside at the Germans. The bribing of a Third World minister might seem like a victimless crime, he says, but in fact, it directly hits the citizens of the developing country — who have money diverted from their aid budgets, forces up prices and creates a corrupt commercial atmosphere that eventually undermines not only the targeted country but also the companies and institutions who offered a bribe.

German industry is resisting any new legislation saying companies should police themselves. Privately. German officials argue that everybody (usually a Bonn euphemism for France) does it. The point is Germany probably could not stay competitive unless its businessmen oiled their deals. This is Herr Kohl's real failure. By neglecting the problem of labour costs for so long, he has helped to create a climate whereby "Made in Ger-many" has to be marketed abroad with the aid of backhanders. I wonder whether euros will be as acceptable as an attaché case full of marks.

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Party rebel urges Kohl not to risk seeking fifth term

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

HELMUT KOHL, who reopinion survey. Since 1989. cently announced with some nobody within the party has fantare that he was ready to stand again as German Chanspoken quite so forcefully against the Chancellor. The cellor, has come under fire from a leading member of his concern among CDU managers is that a group of dissi-dents will cluster round Professor Biedenkopf and Christian Democratic Union. Aithough the German leadtheir differences with the lead-

er brushed off the criticism yesterday, there are fears that the CDU will face a period of rough and tumble before crucial decisions on economic and monetary union.

The attack was launched by Professor Kurt Biedenkopf. the Prime Minister of Saxony and a long-standing critic of the Chancellor. In a letter to the Secretary-General of the Christian Democrats, Professor Biedenkopf said that Herr Kohl's eagerness to seek a fifth term posed a particular risk for the party". He said: "The position was

made all the more remarkable by the fact that the Chancellor told voters in 1994 that this would be his last term." Herr Kohl should think again. "He has never before taken on such a high risk. In 18 months it will be incredibly difficult for the government coalition."

The CDU, he said, should start discussing openly whether Herr Kohl was really suitable and, if necessary, the party should hold a formal choose an official contender for the 1998 elections. The contest, as yet undeclared, Lafontaine, the party chairman, and Gerhard Schröder, the Prime Minister of Lower Saxony. Professor Biedenkopf em-

phasises that his doubts are not only about the personality ership will emerge clearly in the spring of next year when of the Chancellor but about the poor success record of the European states are judged on Government. "The goal of their ability to meet the critehalving unemployment by ria for monetary union. The Chancellor responded 2000 is not realistic, pension yesterday by saying that to win the election "we need both reforms stand on a very wobbly podium, the development a programme and a personof the economy and the reconality - the programme does struction of the East is proceeding very sluggishly," the professor said in his strateginot work without a personality". He did not need advice cally leaked letter. on this matter from ordinary The Chancellor seems to be people "or from professors".

Professor Biedenkopf, apart from his political office, holds aware he has to change the leadership image to make it a chair in economic science. more attractive to young vot-Deputies said it would be ers. Yesterday he played down pointless to carry out a poll of these concerns: "As dinosaurs party opinion on Herr Kohl are fashionable again with since some 96 per cent would young kids, then let us go into election battle with dinofavour the Chancellor continuing until he decides to stop. saurs!" More seriously, he has More importantly, an internal plans to bring fresh blood into party debate about the future the Cabinet in an autumn of Herr Kohl would deflect reshuffle and to project more effectively the youngest memattention from the problems of the Social Democratic Opposiber of his team, Claudia Nolte, tion,-which is struggling to 30, the Family Minister.

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Muscovite women drinking vodka to the memory of a relative while one of them kisses his headstone portrait in Sherbinka Cemetery yesterday, the Orthodox Easter Sunday, when Russians traditionally visit graves

Turkey's rulers squeezed by military

FROM ANDREW FINKEL IN ISTANBÜL

TURKEY'S Islamic-led coalition Government appeared determined to hang on to power yesterday despite another bruising round of negotiations over the weekend with its own military.

The resignation of two prominent ministers from the cabinet is further

indication, however, that the ten-monthold alliance between the Welfare Party of Necmettin Erbakan and the secular True Path Party of Tansu Ciller, has been consigned to a slow death.

Key aides to Mr Erbakan were yesterday making light of their leader's decision to sign a communiqué at the end of an eight-hour meeting of the military domiSaturday. It called for continued vigilance against reactionary religious activities directed against the state.

Mr Erbakan was simply agreeing to forward the council's views to the cabinet. according to senior party members. It was up to parliament to decide how to act. This is very different to the military's view. It accuses the Welfare Party of

Top guns salute 50 years of air force

FROM GILES WHITTEIL AT NELLIS AIR FORCE BASE NEVADA

ELITE pilots of America's only squadron of B2 stealth bombers were the stars of a huge two-day air show at the weekend that marked the US Air Force's fiftieth birthday with a mix of nostalgia, public relations and ear-splitting

Exuding enough patriotism to reignite the Cold War, half a million Americans converged on the baking concrete of this vast Nevada base just north of Las Vegas to gawp at a mighty airborne arsenal built up with their taxes. The desert rumbled with Flying Fortresses. shook with the roar of afterburners and echoed with a defiant forecast of a "boundless future" for the USAF by

the nation's senior airman. General Ronald Fogleman has his work cut out. Six years after the Soviet collapse, his ranks have shrunk by nearly a quarter of a million, and the spectre of a third world war has all but gone. Too many planes still in service, not enough threats," said an aviation industry analyst.

A succession of pilots who had been decorated in the Gulf War briefly banished such notions with deafening displays in the world's deadliest aerial hot-rods, including the F15, F16 and F117 stealth fighter. Despite the global downturn in demand, American manufacturers are expectabroad over the next decade.

Lacing the air with dust and exhaust furnes, the air force also made much of its new role as a distributor of humanitarian aid, showing off the controversial C17 jet transport. which can land in 1,800ft and reverse on the ground under its own power — at a cost of \$340 million (£210 million)

each. For ageing veterans the show was a last hurrah enriched with Vegas-style showmanship. A Spitfire chased an Mel09 towards the Hoover Dam in a "Battle of Britain Fly-by". A MiG21 had its tail waxed by an American Sabre jet in the manner of a Korean War dogfight. And retired General Chuck Yaeger, 74. who in 1947 became the first man to break the sound barrier, brought lumps to many a throat with a victory roll over the runway in a Second World

War Mustang fighter. Richard Tribe, 65, was standing under the open bomb-bay of a supersonic terrain-hugging instrument of Armageddon known as the Bl. Was it worth \$200 million? "You're damn right." he said.

'gangsters' ruling South

PRESIDENT BERISHA of Albania yesterday railed against "a mixture of smugglers and gangsters" who were being manipulated by his Socialist partners in government to put off a general election_

These malign forces manifested themselves in the "salvation committees" holding sway in the South of the country, he told The Times.

Mr Berisha rejected specu-lation that international troops would play a more active role in calming rebelheld areas and eventually securing polls. "I don't want a foreign soldier to be killed in Albania," he said. "They came for a noble mission, to protect convoys, and it makes no sense for a free country to lose its sons in another country." He added that "Spanish and guarding polling booths.

near-siege conditions for two months, the President was in fine form, firing on all fronts. Come what may, he vowed to

remain in Albania, and in politics, until his dying day. Mr Berisha and his reconiliation Government have set three preconditions for elections - the elimination of the southern salvation committees, free movement and the freedom for parties to campaign nationally. None of these has been met, and the current poll date of June 29 looks increasingly unlikely.

"No one will accept Albanian elections as free and fair with these committees in place," he said. "We are waiting for the Socialists: it is one thing not recognising them. but they are not dissolving

any clout in the region. Mr Berisha was disheartened by news that the Italian command of Operation Alba has been negotiating with the Vlo-re salvation committee, led by Albert Shite, "It's unaccept-able, absolutely unacceptable, it's a law in our parliament and an agreement signed with all governemnts having troops here," he said.

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government apparatus with

Mr Shite was described by Mr Berisha as "a very highly qualified cigarette-smuggler who, with his colleagues, had plunged Vlore into the saddest time of its 200-year

The attempt by Leka Zog I to restore the Albanian monarchy adds further confusion to the country's political land-scape, but the President said

"This is why we're speaking English now, not Russian,

nated National Security Council on turning a blind eye to radical Islam. **Defiant Berisha condemns**

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Mr Berisha spoke of using French troops would be very "force" to push the committees out of power, but anyone who he would stick to his promise of allowing a referendum on the issue. "If Albanians prefer lonely in the mountains", has visited Vlore or other southern hotbeds of revolt a crown ... I respect that."

By Gabriella Gamini SOUTH AMERICA CORRESPONDENT

PRESIDENT Fujimori of Peru was "inspired" by the underground tunnels of the pre-Inca ruins of Chavin de Huantar when planning the commando raid to free the hostages from the Japanese Ambassador's residence in

Lima last week. Señor Fujimori said yester-day he had "built a copy of an ancient feat of tunnel engineering" to get 140 troops into the rebel-held residence. The operation was named after its source of "inspiration".

On Saturday, he took Japan's Foreign Minister, Yukihiko Ikeda, on a guided tour of the Chavin de Huantar ruins, set at about 11,300ft above sea level, in the remote Andes region of Huaraz. He told the Japanese minister the "labyrinth of tunnels and underground chambers" of the ancient city had given him the idea of how



President Fujimori in one of the tunnels his troops used

Troops used five tunnels that led from neighbouring houses into the Japanese compound. All of the 14 Tupac Amaru Revolutionary Movement guerrillas were killed.

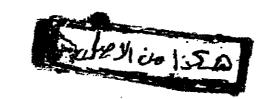
nese Ambassador, Morihisa Aoki, 14 embassy officials and four Japanese company executives were among the 71 hostages freed. The tunnels, which took

Mr Ikeda is on a four-day two months to dig, are at least visit to Peru to congratulate 450ft long. They are 9ft wide Señor Fujimori on the sucand 6ft high, carpeted well ventilated and lit by electric cessful operation. The Japa-

lights. It was possible for the troops to spend days underground organising their moves and time of attack. The military had set up offices and command units in the tunnels a month before the raid. Señor Fujimori led Mr

lkeda around the caves and tunnels of the stone-block Chavin de Huantar ruins, explaining how he had used pre-Inca engineering to design the tunnels. An engineer-ing professor before becoming President in 1990, Señor Fujimori appears to have drawn up plans for the raid himself. Chavin de Huantar is one of the oldest pre-Inca cultures, exisiting from 1300 to 400 BC, 2,000 years before the Incas,

The network of tunnels leading from one under-ground chamber to another remains almost intact. The caves are well ventilated, though the only opening is one main entrance. Pillars are decorated with carvings of Chavin deities, with part human, part animal faces.



Cracking the secret code of creation

Nigel Hawkes on a genetic breakthrough that could help the body grow replacement organs

never grow another one. That may seem obvious, but all the original genes which instructed the first arm to grow are still there and, in theory,

available for service. Turning them on again and enabling the body to rebuild itself after accident or disease has become the target of ambitious developmental biologists. They dream of reconstructing bones damaged by osteoporosis, or persuading the heart to build new muscle after a heart attack.

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The whole circuitry is there, ready to go," says Dr Doros Platika, president and chief executive of Ontogeny, a biotech company in Cam-bridge, Massachusetts, and named after the development process -- embryo to adult -through which we all pass. "What we are aiming to do is to revive capabilities that are lying dormant. If we can, we

should be able to treat a

number of degenerative dis-

eases, from osteoporosis to Alzheimer's." Dr Platika's optimism is based on the huge progress made in the past ten years in understanding the process by which the single cell of a fertilised egg develops into the multiplicity of organs of the human body. This process, akin to a miracle. appears to use exactly the same mechanisms required in adults for growth, tissue

circuitry is regeneration and repair.
The trouble, exthere, just plains Dr Platika, ready is that as we age we lose the capabto go' ility to turn on repair mecha-Dr Doros Platika nisms. Operations on adults general-

ly leave a scar, but is impossible to tell they have

taken place. In adults, the ability to regenerate organs is not lost blood, bone, and many other organs are constantly being remade. The process is not universal, however. When a coronary artery is blocked, the body does not have the ability to create another one. But when a solid turnour develops anywhere in the body, it needs blood vessels to feed it, and they are created in great numbers. This shows, says Dr Platika, that the ability to create new organs is not lost in adults, but merely latent. Provide the right circumstances and it can be triggered back to

That answer, Ontogeny believes, is based on a family of proteins called Hedgehog. They have nothing to do with hedgehogs, having gained their name when scientists discovered the first one in 1980. Eric Wieschaus and Christiane Nüsslein-Volhard found that mutations in the gene responsible disrupted the development of fruit-fly em-

ose an arm and you'll the two won the 1995 Nobel Prize for Medicine.

Since then, several more Hedgehog genes have been found. Dr Philip Ingham, of Sheffield University and a member of Ontogeny's sciennific advisory board, was re-sponsible with others for showing that higher animals have three Hedgehogs, called equally quaintly Sonic hedgehog, Indian hedgehog, and Desert hedgehog. (Conventionally, genes are given italics to distinguish them from the proteins they make, which are printed in roman script.)

Sonic hedgehog has several roles, including the creation of cells in the brain and central nervous system. Indian hedgehog is expressed in the limbs, directing the development of bone and cartilege. while Desert hedgehog drives the development of male sperm. The belief is that there are limited numbers of Hedgehogs - probably no more than three or four in humans, in which case it is possible that all of them have been discovered.

Ontogeny, which was founded in August 1994 by four developmental geneticists from Harvard, Columbia, and the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, owns the rights to all three Hedgehogs. which puts it in a strong position to The whole exploit them commercially. But biof human ologists remain uncertain about how easy that will

The principle is simple. The pro-teins produced by the Hedgehog genes bind to the surface of cells and initiate a series of developmental changes. If cells

from the brain of operations carried out in the chick embryos are exposed to womb heal so perfectly that it Sonic hedgehog, for example, is impossible to tell they have they develop into neurons that include the type responsible for making dopamine - just the sort of cells that Parkinson's disease patients lack. Sonic hedgehog can also be used to produce the neurons that are destroyed by

Alzheimer's disease. In this case, the idea would be to create the right kind of cells in culture, and then inject them into the brains of sufferers. That this might work is shown by earlier experiments, using foetal cells, which produced encouraging improvements in Parkinson's patients. With Indian hedgehog, the

hope is to treat osteoporosis, or fractures that refuse to mend. The company plans animal experiments beginning next year, followed by clinical tri-als. The German drug company, Boeringer Mannheim, is excited enough to have agreed to invest \$40 million (£25 million) in a partnership with Ontogeny over the next five years. The experiments are designed to understand the processes more precisely and to develop therapies. This bryos, turning them into a deal followed an even larger bristly shape, a bit like a one, in which Biogen agreed to hedgehog. For this discovery, invest £80 million in a partner-



The foetus can repair tissue damage - in future adults may be able to do the same

ship with Ontogeny to develop of geneticists to identify genes drugs from each of the three

Hedgehogs. The embryologist Professor Lewis Wolpert, of University College London, is sceptical that things will prove as simple as Ontogeny and its partners hope. He suspects that clinical applications remain a long way off, if only because the process of signalling involves not just the Hedgehogs, but many other "inducing molecules" that are triggered in a cascade.

edgehogs are signalling molecules." he says. but I would be very surprised if the problem in most diseases is in the signal, rather than the response. My reason for believing that is quite simple. If diseases were caused by deficiencies in Hedgehog, then you wouldn't expect just one thing to go wrong, but lots of

Dr Platika acknowledges that there may be dozens of genes orchestrated by Hedgehog, and the company has developed a neat system for discovering them. The ability

·· has outstripped their ability to discover exactly what they do. Ontogeny has developed a screening system, which en-ables candidate genes to be tested, and to discover if they have any function in the development process

They do not have the field to themselves. There are at least nine American biotech companies with an interest in development, all hoping that they may be able to match Amgen Inc. which has produced the most successful biotech product to date, a genetically engineered human protein, erythropoietin, normally produced by the kid-

This protein stimulates the production of red blood cells, and can reverse the severe anaemia caused by kidney failure. Epogen and the related product, Neupogen, earn Amgen sales of \$2 billion a year, proving that products designed to aid the development process can work and make a lot of money.

"It may be demented," Dr Platika says, "but I think we are going to be the Amgen of

Anjana Ahuja looks at what makes one joke flat, another funny Langely Laboratory, reckons that the key to humour lies in this 100 millisecond difference

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Malaria bites back

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COMMON anti-malaria drugs COMMON anti-malaria drugs may increase the transmission of the disease, roologists at the University of Edinburgh have discovered. Drugs such as chloroquine and mefloquine (sold as Larium) protect the individual from the symptoms of malaria, but unless all the parasites are killed, they do possible to rediffer transmission. nothing to reduce transmission of the disease and may even

of the disease and may even increase it.

"Chloroquine kills many of the parasites, but the survivors compensate so the infections."

Prayers Buckling, one of the Edinburgh team. Malaria is a growing threat in many parts of the world, with deaths in some African countries rising sevenfold over the past five years. In poor

sevenfold over the past five years. In poor countries, the drugs are too expensive for everybody to use, and those that can afford them tend to give up taking their too soon, creating conditions for the disease to spread. The cause of the disease is a parasite of the

genus, Plasmodium, which is carried from person to person by mosquitoes. In the victim, the parasite divides to form many offspring, called asexuals, which infect the red blood cells before themselves reproducing. Anti-malarial drugs kill off these asexuals, which are responsible for the symptoms of malaria. But some survive and go on to produce the sexual form of the parasite, which can then infect other people.
Using a form of malaria that infects mice,

the Edinburgh team has shown that mice treated with chloroquine have a smaller number of asexuals, but these compensate by

producing the sexual form more rapidly. The result is that the transmission rate to mosquitoes is the same in untreated as in treated populations. Writing in Proceedings of the Royal Society, they say that the

response is typical of any organ-ism put under stress. The tendency is to shift energy into an unstressed part of the organism, or of its life-cycle. Gardeners who pick the flowers from potatoes — thus preventing sexual reproduction — do so because it encourages the plant to shift effort into asexual reproduction by producing more tubers.

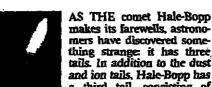
The team, led by Dr Andrew

Read, believes malaria drugs may actually increase the rate of infection in a population. As they reduce the number of parasites, they may also reduce the immune response to infection which, he says, "could result in greater transmission from infected people".

Taking anti-malarials in countries where only a proportion of the population can afford them is therefore an "I'm all right, Jack" strategy. The person taking the drugs is protected, but to the possible detriment of poorer sections of the community. Dr Read is not suggesting that anti-malaria drugs should not be taken. "We're saying use them properly." he says. This means persisting to the end of the course.

As most anti-malarials attack the same stage of the life-cycle, the Edinburgh findings are likely to apply across the board. Further tests using other drugs confirm this, and the next step will be to see if potential vaccines produce the same response.

Astronomers find comet's third tail



makes its farewells, astronomers have discovered something strange it has three tails. In addition to the dust and ion tails, Hale-Bopp has a third tail, consisting of neutral sodium atoms. It was identified by a team led by Dr Gabriele Cremonese, of the

Astronomical Observatory in Padua, using a telescope on Palma in the Canary Islands. The sodium tail is about 400,000 miles wide and 30 million miles long, and was spotted when the comet was observed through a narrow-band filter designed to detect the orange glow of sodium. The new tail is a mystery because it is not clear why it exists. The ion tail is there because ions are torn from the comet by the electrically

seen in the sodium tail. "There must be a completely new mechanism at work here," says Richard West, of the European Southern Observatory. One possibility is that the sodium particles are shed by the dust driven from the comet's nucleus.

charged particles of the solar wind, but this

should not happen to the neutral particles

Don't tread on the bluebells



SPRING is here and the bluebells are out in the woods. But for heaven's sake don't tread on them, say Dr Susan Barker and Jim Littlemore, of the University of Warwick. They have found that these apparently indestructible plants,

appearing every spring in their millions, are easily damaged by the tread of feet.

They found that seed production in bluebells declined to only a tenth of normal levels after 200 people had passed through specially prepared "trampling lanes". Recovery rates were also poor, they report in Tree News, with low seed production persisting season after season. These "drastic results" suggest that the carrying capacity of many bluebell woods is a lot lower than anybody thought, since seed is the main method used by bluebells to sustain their numbers.

Nor are bluebells the only victims; they are, in fact, much tougher than many other woodland plants. The message is that people, visiting the woods to admire the bluebells. should stick to the paths, and resist the temptation to walk through them.

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chusetts Institute of Technology, who filmed the monologues of stand-up

The most effective jokes did not depend on subject matter but on three magic ingredients controlled by the joke-teller long pauses, expansive hand gestures and fluctuations in intonation. "It may be that the professional comedian uses these signals to guide the audience, reveals MIT re-

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scanned as they read statements on the screen. At the end of each statement is a blank space; a key is pressed to make the punchline appear. For example, one sentence is "The pizza is too hot to . . .". If the word "eat" appears in the space, the brain takes 300 milliseconds to make sense of the phrase. However, if the sentence

Nasa's Langley Laboratory

are investigating what hap-

pens in the brain when people

are confronted with some-

Volunteers are wired up to a

becomes "The pizza is too hot to cry", the brain takes 400 milliseconds to register it and emits a different type of electrical impulse. Moreover, the same 400 millisecond wave is produced when the subject is

tickled by a joke. Or Peter Derks, from the

 he thinks humour may have evolved as a way of detecting incongruity, and is therefore a problem-solving tactic.

case is Robert Provine, a psychologist from Maryland University, who has observed that people laugh in the same way. So whether you giggle breathlessly like Marilyn Monroe or boom like Frank Bruno, you issue short bursts of sounds that repeat at regular intervals.

people cannot titter on command: he confirms this by asking bemused members of the public to do so. However. when he produces a "laugh box" which delivers an electronic snigger, most people succumb to a chuckle. From this he has deduced that laughter is unconsciously controlled, and is a message that we send to other people (we are 30 times more likely to

THE STATE OF STREET



Could your child be taking them?

Part one of a series examining strategies for parents and schools

t began as a warning and become a family joke. As our three daughters one by one reached clubbing age, we would see them off for their nights out with a brave "Have a good time". Then we would call out after them:

For us it was a semi-serious mantra to ward off anxiety. For the girls, who knows? Perhaps it would be some sort of inoculation against the Ecstasy epidemic. Besides it was funny. The slogan started to appear as an envoy at the foot of notes left on the hall table. "Gone to Brixton. Back at 4am. Sam, Dan, Jan, Fran, Shan and the other Dan staying the night in my room. Please don't wake. No E!"

But the real joke as far as the children were concerned was that by the time each of them hit 15 and we started leaving newspapers lying around open at the latest Ecstasy scare story, we were at least two years too late. The timing was about as well-judged as my father's first and only sex talk with me, aged 16.

They say that the age at which most London children have their first encounters with drugs is about 13. Last week a primary school in Parnet excelled a nine.

primary school in Barnet expelled a nineyear old for cannabis possession.

Parents bringing up children in the Fiftes worried about pregnancy. In the Sixties, they worried about pregnancy and drugs. In the Nineties we worry about violence, Aids, drugs and pregnancy, more or less in that order.

The problem with drugs is that the young do not recognise them as much of a problem and the old are not absolutely certain how much of a problem they are. A lot of parents today tried dope and even acid in their day and that was cool. Now they read about poor Leah Betts, shudder at the murderous crack plagues in urban America and wonder what other sub-

stances are doing the rounds.

If they are really masochistic they see

Trainspotting and then rush home to go through the bin bags for used needles. Beryl Bainbridge told me once that serious drug users are impenetrable liars and that the only way to suss them out is to search their rooms and read their diaries. When one of my children, aged 17. came home with pupils the size of Smarties, I submitted her to the full panicky interrogation treatment. She finally confessed to having smoked some marijuana and all I could feel was relief.

She first came across weed, puff, skunk - whatever you want to call it these days

'No one would ever dream of asking their parents about drugs or take any notice of the answers, if they did'

-when public schoolboy friends in London for the holidays skinned up. She was only 13 and decided not to. My son is now the same age and claims to have been offered marijuana six or seven times by boys his own age, working for older boys.

At the clubs, they get approached all the time. The Nineties equivalent of the nightclub cigarette girl has marijuana, hash, Ecstasy, speed and tabs of acid for sale. But they don't hassle you. My daughters claim that it's okay not to do drugs. "People come up to you when you're dancing and say 'Hey, what are you on?' and you can say 'I'm natural', and that's cool. Most of my friends stay natural. So much depends on who your friends are. For example, Jewish people never do E."

If my children are staying natural, save

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perhaps for the odd puff of puff, that has nothing to do with anything we have told them. They tell me no one would ever dream of asking their parents about drugs or take any notice of the answers, if they did. Kindly, my 13-year-old explains: "It's not a case of What the hell do they know?', it's that they just don't know what's real."

So what or who does influence them? Chiefly, the experiences of people their own age who have tried something and the antics of those who are still trying. By common consent, cannabis seems barely

to qualify as a drug at all.

Drug talks at school are less footling than parents probably imagine. A deep impression was made on my children by a roving lecturer and poet called Phil Cooper. He is a tattooed, street-wise, 45-year-old ex-junkie covered in scars from having a had acid trip. What he has to say during a bad acid trip. What he has to say is scary without being prescriptive. He illustrates the danger of adulterated stuff by inviting a kid to come up and taste some white powder which, he says, is flour. Afterwards, Phil announces that it is athlete's foot powder. "We came out of his talk and we all said never." says the 15year-old. She and her friends had a similar reaction to Trainspotting. The

hest anti-drugs film ever made."

Price is a big antidote, which is one argument against the legalisers. A "wrap" of speed costs £7-£8. That may be the main reason why the Class A narcotics don't

reason why the Class A narcones don't seem to figure much on the teenage scene.

Even the big summer festivals are fuelled more by hard drinking than hard drug-taking. Recalling the hollow-eyed wraiths who returned from Reading a year ago, I suppose that is something of a comfort. I may not know much about E. but I am an old hand at hangover cures.

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Take heroin and before long you'll start looking ill losing weight and feeling like death.

Advertising against drugs can be counter-productive: this poster became a pin-up on teenagers' bedroom walls

'Hitting people over the head to change their mind won't work'

The educational short film Reefer Madness, which was shown in cinemas in the 1950s, portrayed a group of squeakyall-American youngsters who experiment with cannabis and are instant-

ly transformed into bulgingryed, maniacal drug fiends. So leaden was it with B-movie kitsch that it is now considered a minor classic by connoisseurs of the genre.

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make drug users think

By 16 years plus, the aim is

reduce demand rather than

completely obliterate drug

use. Other campaigns focus

Similarly, in the mid-1980s the Government, panicked by the sudden surge in heroin vertising agency to market the message of the inherent dan-gers of drugs.

The television and poster campaign featured a spotty youth looking like a horror movie extra next to the slogan Heroin Screws You Up.

As an exercise in drugs prevention it was the Reefer Madness of its day. For many young people drugs are ap-pealing because of their cachet of danger and illegality. Reinforcing this through advertising can encourage more use. Indeed, the actor used for the Heroin Screws You Up campaign was too good looking despite the painted on acne, and the posters ended up adorning the walls of eenage girls' bedrooms.

There was a thought that if you hit people over the head hard enough you can make their choice for them. But you can't do that," says Professor Griffith. Edwards, chairman of the Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs.

So what is the most effective

way to convey the dangers of drugs to children? The thinking now is non-judgmental — let young people make their own, informed choices.

In 1995, the Government funded a three-year campaign by the Health Education Authority, which had never previously been involved with drugs education. One result was the creation of the National Drugs Helpline which fields half a million calls a year, two thirds from teenagers. The on-line counsellors steer away from preaching." spokesman Andrew Seale.

They offer advice and can refer callers to local drugs services. The top line is that drugs are not safe," he says. Parents also call in large numbers. They often have to he calmed down because they are in a total panic. They're told to go and make a cup of aloud the book's title and

tea and call back.7 The aushaking his head. That is just thority is also spending £2.5 million on a radio campaign so over the top." aimed at 16 to 25-year-olds. Television was rejected ideas about how to develop the CD-Rom using an interacbecause it is often watched tive game where the young with other members of the

family and its impact could be player can explore drugs culcompromised by unwelcome ture and learn about the or difficult comments from effects and health risks of the "Young people often listen to the radio alone, in their bedrooms or in a car. away from peer pressure." says Mr Seale. The radio campaign's aim is "harm minimisation"

different drugs. "We don't want to use shock tactics," **GETTING THE MESSAGE ACROSS** savs Kevin. "No," says Isabelle Gotunes, "but we need to make the point that if people make the wrong move they The group is brainstorming can end up in the grave."

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on the 13-16 age range when "curiosity starts" and the [[-]3 group who "tend to be firm rejectionist. The aim is to encourage that tendency before onset of curiosity." proach is to let young people themselves as-

sume a role in drugs prevention. At the inner city King's Corner Project, which caters for 16 to 25-year-olds in Islington, north London, funding has been secured for a group of young people to develop a drug prevention CD-Rom which will be distributed in schools. These young people gained

their drug education by experimentation and from their friends. " It used to be that a bunch of lads would get together and go out for a few beers, now they get together and drop an E." says student Kevin Maguire. Scaremongering about drugs just bounces off the group, Mike O'Kelly holds a copy of a book about crack cocaine. "Crack of Doom," says Mike, reading

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Drug users seek escape from past troubles and future worries in an all-embracing "now". Yet the sensitive connections in their brains are being damaged, perhaps forever

Blowing your mind

schools to give vour of current brain research, there is often a pin-drop silence as we come to the subject of drugs. It is not that I attempt to clamber on to the moral high ground. Rather, what I try to convey is that drug abuse puts at risk one's most valuable possession: the

Why? Most people think that the brain, and in turn their "character" and "mind". is an immutable, albeit elu-sive, entity. Some would go further and claim the brain was like a computer -- an electrical marvel. After all, the familiar EEG records waves of electrical signals that are generated within the outer layer of the brain in sufficient force to penetrate the skull. Is it not remarkable, then, that a drug which is a chemical should make any impression on the brain, and indeed the mind? Clearly the brain must be more than just a buzzing hub of electrical comings and goings. Chemicals are pivotal.

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The electrical part of the story unfolds mainly within the single, isolated brain cell, a neuron. Each neuron generates a voltage: if everyday charged atoms (ions) enter or leave the cell, there is a sharp blip - an electrical signal lasting one or two thousandths of a second. This is enough to contribute to an EEG, and any of the hundred billion neurons in the brain will send it out as an attempt to communicate with the next neuron along. The only problem is that brain cells do not so much shake hands as keep each other at arms' length. The "arm" (axon) of a neuron can be very long, nonetheless the electrical blip hurtles out along it at high speed. But then the problem: there is a gap (synapse). An analogy would be that of motoring along an empty road

which terminates at a river. The car is no longer of use. One solution would be to abandon the car in favour of a boat, cross the river, dock the boat and acquire another car to continue. Such is nature's strategy. The electrical signal, the car, triggers the release of a special chemical — a "transmitter" - from the end of the first neuron: this molecular speedboat can cross the gap and dock into a custom-made site on the outside of the target cell. It is this precise interlocking that triggers a new flux of ions into or out of the second

signal. Most commonly, then, the. electrical part of brain operations is restricted to what happens within a brain cell, whereas chemicals are important in what happens between them. And this is where many of the most powerful drugs come in.

pium, for example, and its derivatives morphine and her oin, work by fooling the brain into thinking that a naturally occurring transmitter (enkephalin) has been released. The drugs are sufficiently similar in structure to pose as convincing impostors, fitting into the relevant receptor and causing changes in the communication

between certain brain cells. The chilling difference, however, is one of quantity. The naturally occurring enkephalins are released in minuscule amounts in localised sites within the brain, as and when needed: they are then rapidly removed from the site of action. By contrast, the drug counterparts will be taken into the bloodstream and gain indiscriminate access to many parts of the brain. At the same time, the drug will be taken in far higher doses and will loiter in the critical zones for longer.

DRUGS AND THE BRAIN



Many films and books appear to endorse drug-taking

Hence the effect is a vastly exaggerated caricature. Moreover, the receptors - which act as intermediaries - can react to constant bombardment by becoming less "sensitive" to instigating the next electrical signal in the chain. Hence more drug is needed to attain

the original effect: addiction. This crippling phenomenon offers a window on a fundamental feature of the brain: even in adults, the efficiency of connections between neurons is subject to change. It is this dynamic aspect that underlies memory and learning. And if we can learn - change from

experience - then surely we "ourselves" (who are, after all, no more or less than the connections in our brain) can change, too.

My view is that the "mind" the personalisation of the brain, via configuring and reconfiguring its microcircuitry through experience. This elaborate and ever-changing circuitry will play an important part not only in contributing to one's "personality" but also as a means of making sense of the outside world. it is from experience that we know, unlike a child, that a

figure draped in a white sheet

of humour rather than a ghost. As such, our carefully nurtured "minds" act as a form of inner resource against the confusion of the outside world. Arguably, nightmares

could be interpreted as returns to the mindless terrors of childhood, where our sobering ability to rationalise from experience has let us down. One has temporarily "lost one's If mind is rooted in neuro-

is someone with a tired sense

nal circuitry, which in turn is dependent on chemical interactions, it is not surprising that a host of mental disorder can be treated with drugs. But there is no drug without a side effect; for example the common treatment for what could be viewed as a protracted nightmare, schizophrenia, can also induce bodily tremors.

This is because, as with morphine, the drug will not only intervene at the site of disarray but will distort communications between other brain regions as well. In the case of professionally pre-scribed medication, the payoff is hopefully worth it. But what of a healthy brain seeking a chemical kick-start into some merely new consciousness?

The most frequently abused drugs, all so different in their effects, seem to share the common factor of serving to reduce the contribution from the "mind", unleashing a present that dominates at the expense of thoughts of past, or hopes of future. The emphasis is on a Now, which is either more dream-like and unreal (heroin), gives distorted sensa-tions (LSD), is more exciting (cocaine and amphetamine) or is stripped of all individual

"meaning" (Ecstasy).
Just as with bungee jumping, the user is in an encapsulated snapshot. But chemical bungee jumping has no guar-anteed bounce-back. Drug-induced consciousness may be in the present; but the brain, obliging and wondrous organ that it is, is always ready to learn, to change.

Drugs work away at the mind as a very blunt instrument. They are not likely to respect the highly localised and specialised changes that occur between neurons during the lifelong evolution of our individuality. By marinating the connections in high and persistent levels of psychoac-tive agents, it would be hard to see how the connections between neurons were not going to change profoundly. Blow-

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BOOKS

The very shy and retiring Thomas Pynchon produces a new novel, Mason & Dixon

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which is the most favoured by the

Ve all agree that it has gone on for far too long. I am, I confess, rather addicted to it, although I am aware that it is a pursuit that bores many more people than it engages. The winner has been apparent for some time, and indeed the outcome was predicted ages ago. The comments of the leaders are becoming increasingly terse, and who can dispute that much of the charm is beginning to drain away? Thank goodness it will soon be over and we can all take a rest. It

has been a very long season.

But now, with the Premier
League all but settled, and the
unique news of Carlisle United winning at Wembley winging its way to that great grandstand in the sky where my father, faithful through years of Third Division North football, will be singing hallelujahs, we can re-engage the great discussion of the moment how can we fit football into an art a combination of all of them? Here we can only scratch the

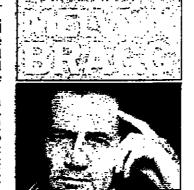
And it's Roy Keane, on as sub for Edmund surface of a subject taking up more and more academic resources. There are a number of the older universities which - unsurprisingly, perhaps, given that they are funded by Littlewoods of Liverpool

- favour the comparison with music. A cluster of newer universities in the south and west that have wangled lottery money are, perhaps consequently, determined to prove that football is a theatrical enterprise. (Incidentally, this receives much support from the Latin world.) Football as dance — an easier case — is being tackled by the London School of Economics with a controversial grant from the Arts Council's flexible dance panel. There is some work being done in Dublin on football as poetry, and at the "University of Highbury", in North London, football as fiction is a compulsory first-year course. There is also a

most unfashionable school — buried somewhere in the north, around the new university of Old Trafford - devoted to the passe notion that war and battle are still relevant to football. This school seems completely unaware of the new aesthetic at large.

Football as ballet is worth serious consideration. I remember, in 1966, a young Michael Kustow about to hurl himself on to the pyre of the ICA suggesting that I make an arts programme about the game in terms of ballet. Until then, I had no idea that Kustow knew what shape a football was, but I was flattered for football. Alas, it was an idea before its time.

Since then, of course, Footballas-Dance has become a rich area for doctorates all over the football world. It is not difficult to see why. What a header of the ball Nijinsky would have been. What an



come. Think of Wayne Sleep wriggling his way through a defence, and think of a defence itself as co-ordinated as cygnets in

Clearly this has to be given serious consideration, especially when we add individual instances such as the elegant movements of Dennis Bergkamp or the sudden dashes of Ian Wright, or the occasional wholly surprising en-trances of David Platt. The fact that football has no set

pattern, no inevitable plot, no guaranteed climax, no singleauthored vision — these are just a few of the trivial points being addressed by our leading scholars. The musical comparison may be harder to accept at first, but the word "orchestrate" constantly comes to mind. Arsène Wenger, for instance, has orchestrated a hitherto rather ballooning Highbury side into a new formation which prefers to keep the ball on the grass. Bach, as it were, has

replaced Baroque.
(If we can regard the passage of

f you ever thought that Strauss's chamber opera

got lost in the wide-open spaces of the Coliseum,

then hurry along to the latest

revival. Friday's opening night

was a welter of luscious sound.

so much so that one occasion-

ally wished that earplugs had

been handed out with the

programmes. No criticism -

as Dame Edna would say. I

mean that caringly. Purely

vocally, this was a pretty

stunning evening, thanks to

three American singers mak-

Christine Brewer has every-

thing for the title role: ample,

vibrant tone throughout the

range from top B flats either ringingly loud or sketched in

pianissimo (obeying Strauss to

the letter) down to a bottom A

flat that is really in the voice,

not conjured out of some

resonating-cavity oubliette. And she has the breath control

phrases to thrilling effect. She

is also hypermusical, caress-

ing those phrases with the

sensuousness of a true

Her Bacchus is Jon Fredric

West, who has sung Otello at

ing their house debuts.

the ball as the melody, and each player as a different instrument -Tony Adams at the cello, for instance, and Patrick Vieira in the brass section - and if we can use the same imagination as those scientists who think in ten dimensions, then surely we can embrace the thought that movement can be translated into sound. Indeed. John Cage has given us all a

hould this be too difficult, then we can take on board the roars of the crowd and the wild clarinet of the referee's whistle, which give enough primitive pulsing to dignify the game with the same energy so freely acknowledged by our contemporary composers who have stolen so profitably from what they call primitive cultures. But it is, of course, the theatrical

more pointy-headed scholars. The very words we use from Sophocles to Shakespeare to Stoppard are there before us on the field incarnate. We have our players: we have our drama and our melodrama, our comedies and tragedies and histories and plays of manners. We have our acts and scenes and one man in his time often plays many parts. Polonius would have been a good sports writer, given the breadth of his overview. This analogy with the theatre seems the perfect fit.

However, an obstinate university department in the north persists in calling football a "game", with rules and intentions and expectations essentially different from any artistic enterprise Annoyingly, this nagging reminder of times past will not go away. Thankfully, though, the word "game" is disappearing from foot-ball, as art and business gain the upper hand, and "game" is relegated to other areas of our national life, such as politics.



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the first-person narration of

the book but distributes it

between two Franks (Martin

Freeman and Tom Smith).

identically dressed in striped

shirts and horn-rims. In the

scene with David Gant's grim-

ly bearded Father, or with the

host of victims, one Frank can

remain impassive, the other

reveal feeling or intention. This is a strikingly successful

device, not only theatrical but creepy and alarming, so that

the murders of cousin Blyth by snake, young brother Paul by

bomb, and cousin Esmeralda

by soaring kite are given a

collusive tone from the start.

The two Franks are the image

of Frank and the reader/

audience, and nervously dis-

to recreate is the climactic

scene when Frank's brother

Eric returns from the asylum.

The secret of Frank's nature.

contained in the study, is

revealed, and this is effectively

done. But the axe-wielding

What this powerfully acted adaptation does not manage

concerting this can be.

father's locked study.

IAIN BANKS is a compulsively readable writer, but if I ever had the chance to explore the inside of his head, I might decline. A fellow can never be sure what will happen to him in a place like that. Nor a woman neither, which is more to the point in this first novel of his. As for dogs, rabbits, sheep and, of course, wasps, they are fortunate if the death they

meet is quick. Published in 1984, admired and loathed in equal proportions, the book has become a cult novel, tapping a contemporary desire to find horrors treated with humour. On a sandy island, off the coast by Inverness, torched small animals turn as crisp as the phrases that describe the torching. But, like other modern Scottish novelists of cult status, a core of social criticism can be discerned, although not in this adaptation by Malcolm Sutherland.

However, until the muddled denouement - or rather, one of the pair of climaxes that end Frank's story — Sutherland's direction is ferociously imaginative. The action is set on a slightly tilted, split stage (at the West Yorkshire Playhouse) where four of Frank's Sacrifice Poles stand silhouetted against the plain cyclorama. Robert Innes Hopkins's elegant design can become is-land, dunes and town. Then, when the scenery closes in, his

masked figure who threatens, departs and is seen no more leaves half the story in the air. "Parents!" says Frank in dis-The Wasp Factory gust at the end. The first line of Leeds Philip Larkin's most famous poem could never be more

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aptly applied than to Banks's

the Met and you can hear why his heroic tone pins you to the back of your seat, at times a little unsparingly, though he

Straussian.

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The sounds

of pleasure

floated one sweetly operettaish soft A that left you asking for more. Poetic he isn't, but such complete security in a killer-role counts for a lot. Like Brewer, he got every word of Tom Hammond's translation across, reminding you that the opera is about something oth-

er than vocal prowess. Erie Mills (Zerbinetta) is no mechanical nightingale. Her substantial soprano fills the auditorium with ease, and indeed Es. She held on longer than strictly necessary to a note most Zerbinettas come off as soon as they decently can, and why not? If you've got it,

flaunt it. The Composer is a deeply ambiguous role; sopranos fare better in it, and it passages at the top of Susan. Parry's mezzo in her first attempt. Nicholas Folwell's first Music Master, though, was a notable success - again, every word made to count.

Peter Snipp's unconventionally poetic Harlequin continues to give pleasure, and Donald Sinden's way-overthe-top Major Domo to infuriate: gags with the orchestra and conductor are not in the script, but I imagine there's no stopping him. The conductor in question, Richard Hickox, was somewhat inflexible early on, but joined Brewer and West in a final 20-minute wallow of Tyrian, not to say Tony Blair-style purple.

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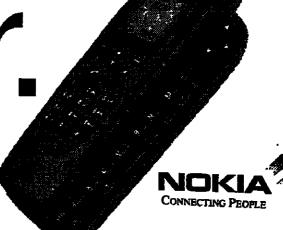
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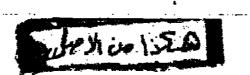
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Helena Bonham Carter smoulders alluringly in the powerful Margaret's Museun **OPENS: Friday** REVIEW: Thursday



OPERA

Paul Daniel bows out of conducting Opera North with Tannhäuser at the Grand in Leeds **OPENS: Saturday** REVIEW: Monday



MUSIC

Blow by blow account Europe's top brass gather for a gala at the Barbican CONCERT: Saturday REVIEW: Monday

TUESDAY TO **FRIDAY** IN SECTION 2

POP: U2 take to the road in Las Vegas. Plus, new-style American gospel on the South Bank; and a celebration of youth

Taking a back seat to technology

U2 launched its massive world tour in Las Vegas on Friday night. Luke Clancy

reports on the band's biggest gamble yet

from U2's latest colossal global tour, PopMart, like a vapour trail of digits. Numbers for the megawattage of the PA, for the height of the world's largest LED video screen and its retinue of flashing pixels, numbers for the height of the stage, numbers even for the weight of the stage, seep out everywhere. So many numbers. indeed, that on paper PopMart looks like a chunk of computer code, ready to run across a network of parks, bowls, stadiums, superdomes, sky-

domes and astrodomes. But what can this application do? As a concert 6 U2 are act. U2 start out a couple of blocks ahead of most. When was the last time anybody wondered what an Oasis gig was about? trawling The difference is not the the art result of faulty communication on the part of otherworld for bands, but simply U2's obvious ambition to images 7 make popular art; art that isn't snared in a narrowcasting ghetto, de-

feated by the curve balls of its own

So where better to kick off UZ's latest tour, to launch the Irish band's biggest gamble yet - reported to cost \$214,000 each night it plays over the next 14 months — than in Las Vegas? The PopMart stage at the Sam Boyd Stadium, an asymmetrical arrangement suggesting the Jacade of a utopian shopping mall, topped giant olive skewered on a lo foot cocktail stick, pays homage to the colours that are now Las Vegas's own. The set is dominated by that spectrum of unhealthy hues that Tom Wolfe called "the electrochemical pastels of the Florida littoral". The agitated clementine oranges, banana margarita yellows and highway wedding chapel magentas that Bugsy Siegel's designers first imported from Miami after the Second World War.

Of course, Las Vegas has been well

umbers seem to pour trodden over since Wolfe wrote about it in the early Sixties, notably by the architecture critic Robert Venturi. Venturi's vision of the architecture of Las Vegas as a metropolis of communicating surfaces, in short the first city of the post-modern globe, must also play a part in the densely conceptualised kitsch of PopMart.

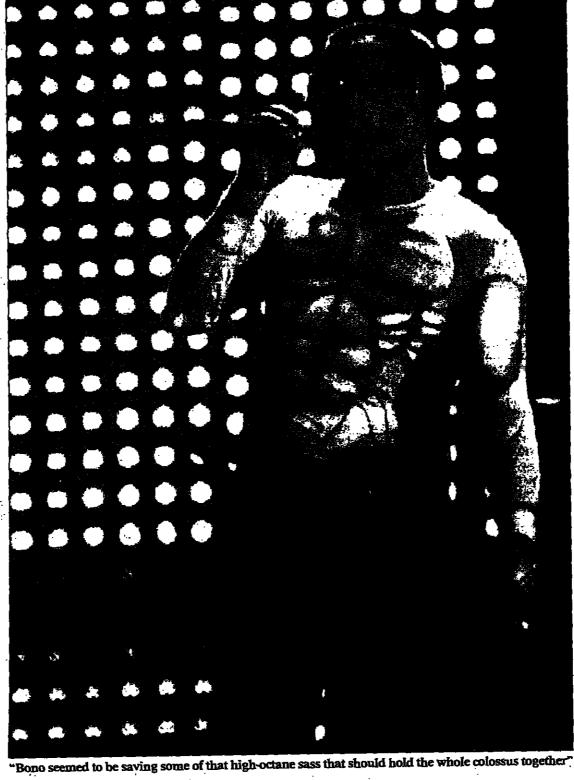
To a large degree, the kitsch that seems to interest U2 now is, like Vegas itself, a closer friend of boredom than of entertainment. Pop. the album, is a complicated piece of work about seeking a sensation that

will finally penetrate psychic anaesthesia, about the death drives and unprincipled pleasures of consumer culture. Bono's passion now seems frequently directed towards pessimism slipping into weariness. It is not easy to wed such fugitive ideas to stadium rock'n'roll, never mind deliver it to 35,000 people who applaud when the LED screen comes on, and howl ecstatically when logos on it begin to move. If there is one thing U2 are blithely optimistic about, it is

their fans. U2 are still trawling the art world for images and ideas, but these days the whole thing seems to have become more historical. For the PopMart tour, which reaches Britain in August, the band, and presumably the small army of visual consultants credited on the programme, have to the pioneer explorers of the culture of surfaces. They have returned to see if there is any mileage left in Warhol's plundered screen print Hollywood,

book ripoffs. The risk of U2's kind of deliberate technological and conceptual overload is that the music might get lost. The band have for many years produced albums that tend to be more or less explained, after the fact,

or Lichtenstein's exploded comic



by their stage shows. Pop, in many ways the band's glummest recording, and featuring uncomfortable, stinging rock a roll about a crisis of faith. needs some explaining. But while the show puts ideas in ambitious focus, the music almost inevitably slips somewhat out of register.

On this opening night Bono seems to be saving some of that high-octane sass that should hold the whole colossus together. There are still

extraordinary, unclassifiable moments, such as when a version of the Monkees' Daydream Believer provokes a stadium-wide singalong. But for every such occasion of celebration with one of the older, less ambivalent tunes - such as the closing anthem One - there is the bracing cold shower of a scathingly misanthropic

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into the pixelated depths of the video screen. Indeed, with PopMart it is more tempting than ever to keep your eyes on the screen, rather than the little people dancing before it. When their backdrop features a cinerama of oozing "generative art" by Brian Eno, animated Keith Haring graffiti and an hermaphrodite belly dancer the size of a skyscraper, it is going to be hard for a flesh and blood pop band

Loss in the gloss

THE voices are wonderful; if only the songs were half as interesting. If Take 6, that personable sextet of Seventh Day Adventist singers, truly represent the new wave of American gospel music, then the tradition is - as many traditionalists argue — passing through a fallow period.
This, though, was as much an informal religious gather-

ing as a concert. If their audience goes home in a state of rapture - as it clearly did at the South Bank - then nothing else should matter. But the nagging feeling remains that the a cappella group is selling

It is probably unfair to blame them for that. If much of contemporary R&B has exchanged distinctive melody for an anodyne, pre-pro-grammed backbeat, then contemporary church music is likely to do the same in order to attract young listeners who don't know their Fugees from their Roberta Flack.

Still, there were flourishes of rare virtuosity. Their imitation of a cymbal-snapping, swing-era jam session be-longed to a style of showmanFestival Hall

ship perfected by the venerable Golden Gate Quartet. You Don't Have to be Afraid produced some of the most impassioned ensemble work

of the evening.

The occasional addition of backing tracks proved a mild distraction, although not as intrusive as the slick production values of their new alhum, Brothers. When they briefly put the ornate, airbrushed harmonising to one side, the group was capable of rousing, inspirational an-thems. Otherwise it was a question of wading through bland Sunday school sentiments and contrived LA-style patter. Much is made of the singers' jazz credentials, exemplified by a clever re-creation of Miles Davis's All Blues, muted horn and all. But Bobby McFerrin does that kind of thing with more panache - and there is only one

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Fame from kids

WHY IS Notting Hill so hip? Of the ten West London boroughs participating in last Thursday night's gala evening performed by and celebrating the city's youth, it was the sassy kids of Ladbroke Grove who stole the show. Their teenage songstresses could out-Whitney Whitney Houston and their dancing troupe would put most professional dancers to shame.

Of the other boroughs, Wandsworth combined a heavy jungle sound track with an energetic mass dance, and close-harmony ripples of gorgeous gospel from Brent's glamorous Poster sisters were drowned in applause. South Acton's Bollo Bridge youth club had devised a set in which strong female vocalists and radding doys took ivi in the spotlight, but were let down by a faulty sound system. On that huge stage the big, sets worked best and Westminster was wise to wheel on a full cast from its recent production of Bugsy Malone — a small group from Harrow had to shout to make its baffling philosophical sketch heard.

Miracles Albert Hall

Between each number Mark Stephenson and London Musici ripped through a burst of American cops and robbers music. Without Stephenson's vision there would have been no event, but his orchestra seemed less and less central to the action as the evening wore

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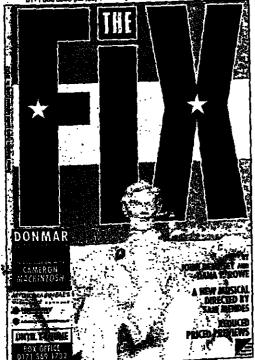
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Why whites need a good grievance

Quentin Letts says it's time to whine

about the special relationship

merican academics gathered recently at the University of California's Berkeley campus for the first American This new branch of scholarship. which earnestly applies itself to "white" cultural phenomena such as gun shows, bluegrass music and Appalachian coal miners' Spam and sour mash diets, is the inevitable progression of the various ethnic studies courses already so

well established in America. Any ambitious American university nowadays offers freshmen a baffling range of scholastic choices. There will be Afro-American literature, a Jewish-American history department, a school of women's studies, perhaps an Asian-Ameri-can faculty. There will probably be optional seminars on Native American music, Hispanic poetry, Polynesian-American art, and Inuit-American traditions. Many courses are viewed by students as soft options, but in these days of mandatory multi-culturalism no one dare dissent. A friend who teaches at a Mid-Western university explained: "Sure, we all know it is a farce. But even if you have tenure you cannot tell the truth

It was either going to be "whiteness" or one-legged-Mexican-American studies next. and the whiteness lot got there first. As The Wall Street Journal reported last week, whiteness studies is at present mainly the study of America's "white underclass subculture" - in other words, the rednecks. There has, however, been some dynasties around Houston, Texas. the "whiteness of shopping" and the "virtually white world of the Internet". When people use the net, allegedly, they tend to expect the person on the other end of the computer line to be white and male,

about ethnic studies."

and to be surprised if she is not. Whiteness studies are, for the time being, chiefly the domain of guiltstricken white intellectuals who feel they need to examine the vast grouping of non-dark-skinned humanity which they view as being the root of much evil. As one woman told the Berkeley conference, white culture must be properly identified so that an "action plan" can be assembled to fight "white privilege". When directed to such aims, whiteness studies become little more than an extension of black studies. But this need not be the case for long. White Americans, and their European cousins, could easily take hold of whiteness studies. They are the ethnic group being examined, so what would be more natural than to declare it their own, with a loud yelp about "pride in our heritage"?

The only way to fight political correctitude, the grip of which on the American establishment can not be exaggerated, is reductio ad absurdum: employ the argot of protest and turn it on itself. Posing as interested, thoroughly commit-ted students, we should surge aboard the whiteness studies and, with a merry tweak or two, turn it to our advantage. In my pleasurable duties report-

ing from New York for The Times, I have tried, occasionally, to illustrate to British readers the extent to which ethnic subsets are taking over American political and intellectual life. It is a pattern which may very seriously damage Britain's relationship with the United States in the forthcoming decades, but which has been consistently ignored in London and by evertolerant Wasp Americans.

The process usually begins with grand-sounding groups such as the National Association for the Advancement of Coloured People (the black power group), the Anti-Defamation League (the Jewish group) and the Ancient Order of Hibernians (the Irish group). All have creditable official goals, which are usually to reduce prejudice, hatred. intolerance and so forth. From there, they move to the celebration of national days: the exuberant parades that seem to course up Manhattan's Fifth Avenue every week, whether it be Puerto Ricans

or Greeks or Armenians. In the usual scheme of things, some smaller, more politically agi-tated interest groups then arise, whose disjointed efforts sometimes call to mind the rival militia groups lampooned in Monty Python's Life of Brian. In New York's Jewish community, for instance, the action groups scuttling around in search of recruits include: American Academics for Israel's Future, the Free Middle East Network, the Christian Israel Public Action Campaign, Israel Action Alliance, the Emergency Committee for the Rebuilding of the Jewish Community of Argentina, the Queens Coalition Against Anti-Semitism, Women for Israel's Tomorrow... Well, you get

Groups such as these tend to be terrific leafleters and pamphleteers. They also complain vociferously, whenever they perceive a slight to "their" people. The result is that American politicians, particularly crowd-pleasers such as President Clinton, are keenly sensitive to this ethnic grievance industry. So the groups demand places at the table, secure themselves funding, and

start to determine the agenda. No one does this effectively in America for Britain. There are genteel outfits such as the English speaking Union, whose members have a nostalgic fondness for the Empire and Churchill, but there is no one fighting in America's ethnic trenches for our culture and our

ast year there was a tentative proposal in New York for some Anglo-Americans to form a political action group that would seek to remind American politicians that a decent number of voters hail from the English West Country. It never got off the ground, alas, because the people involved were too busy; but the idea

It was suggested that St George's Day should be marked by an Anglo-American parade up Fifth Avenue, with the marchers wearing bowler hats and carrying furled umbrellas. When bombs erupted in Jerusalem, New York's Mayor, Rudolph Giuliani - aware of the Jewish vote - rushed to Israel to show "solidarity". When bombs erupted in London, why didn't he take the next British Airways flight to London? The Anglo-American group, had it ever come into being. might have asked that question with a show of indignation. It might also have stamped hard on the anti-Britishness to be found in newspapers such as New York's Daily News, in which an Irish-American columnist called Denis Hamill recently complained that he had been assigned jury duty on St Patrick's Day. The only thing that brightened him up, he said, was that he might get to sit in judgment on a "Brit defendant". Had the article been written about a Jewish defendant or a black defendant, Mr Hamill would have been torn limb from limb by the ethnic grievance

industry. By 2020, the United States may well have a President Rodriguez or a President Tzu. Washington DC may no longer look automatically to Western Europe for allies. Nato may no longer interest her, and she may well be concentrating instead on solving the problems of South America or the Far East. One very good way for Europeans — and particularly the British — to try to stop that happening would be to seize on the ethnic grievance industry, to grasp ridiculous levers such as whiteness studies, and to com-plain in a shrill and persistent voice that we are victims. It is the only cry that modern America understands.

Tony Blair offers the very stuff of politics, the elixir of hope. Unfortunately, it may evaporate

Presumably Tony Blair is going to be the next Prime Minister. However much one mistrusts the polls, any undecided there are still many undecided the stars it has a second to the stars. Victory at last for the voters, it now seems that the ques-tion is how large Labour's majority social democrats will be. My personal sympathies are not against him. I have known all the Labour leaders since Attlee, and Tony Blair seems, along with Hugh Gaitskell, to be the best of voters in South-East England than them. He has shown political skill and toughness in converting the old among Labour voters in Scotland. Labour Party to social democracy. From that point of view, Labour's He is himself a social democrat campaign has not been a success: rather than a socialist, and a right-

Tony Blair seems to have won the election, but many voters have not warmed to him. Indeed there seems to be more warmth in public feeling for John Major, though not for his party. The parallel with Bill Clinton is

not reassuring. Like President Clin-ton. Tony Blair has both professionalised and depoliticised politics. He has spent the last three years eliminating the negative ele-ments in his party's image, just as Clinton did. Labour's campaign has been a triumph for public relations, but has not revealed either what the party's core beliefs are, nor what policies are likely to be implemented in government. In personal terms, the parallel is unjust; Bill Clinton has far too many criminal associates, and Tony Blair is a man of integrity. In political terms, there is the same dangerous attitude, that appearances decide elections. The aggressive discipline imposed from the centre has made this worse. I am also worried by Mr Blair's so-called 'modernism". He says he is a "modern" man, that he enjoys the now rather old-fashioned Beatles music, that he has played in a gig. and that sort of thing. Modernism has very little to do with time; there have been modernists around at least since the age of the Romantic poets. Shelley was a modernist. It is not a question of period, but of

point of view, and the modernist view has often proved inadequate and detached from the real issues of life. The modernist and progressive culture of London tends to be selfregarding and elitist, more elitist than most Tories. New Labour shares this cultural superficiality: it reminds me of the soup Jane Austen wrote of in Emma: "a broth of nice smooth gruel, thin, but not too thin". Intellectually, the Blair campaign has been insubstantial.

But there are more important

William Rees-Mogg

worries. Social democracy tries to straddle two political theories. Adam Smith Conservatives, such as Margaret Thatcher, believe that society advances by liberating the useful energies of individuals. "It is not from the benevolence of the butcher, the brewer, or the baker that we expect our dinner, but from their regard to their own interest." Socialists, on the contrary, believe that the state should tax, regulate and provide. Social Democrats sometimes seem to believe in one theory and sometimes in the other. and, while they pretend to both, they lack a ruling principle. This is however both the strength and the

without taxes, and markets without competition; it is a good way to win votes but a poor way to govern. One can see this from a

Thatcherite perspective. The Conservative Governments of 1951-64 were, in reality, social democratic administrations, believing in a mixed economy of socialism and free enterprise. They cost Britain a generation of economic growth, by failing to tackle the issues of dereg-ulation, privatisation, taxation and trade union power that Margaret Thatcher dealt with in the 1980s. Tony Blair promises to preserve these reforms, and to that limited extent he is a Thatcherite. But old Labour voted against every one of them; no one can suppose that new Labour would have carried a single one of them through, any more than the Conservative social demo-crats did in the 1950s. A Blair government promises not to reverse the Thatcher reforms, but it will not carry them further.

There are also doubts about a party that promises to rebuild the health and education services without increasing the planned public expenditure or raising the marginal rate of tax. On this, the Liberal Democrats are right. Whenever a party claims to be able to do more without spending more, or to spend more without taxing more, there must be a catch. Tony Blair says that new Labour will have a Tory expenditure policy and a Tory taxation policy but a new Labour health and education policy. How

can that possibly be achieved?

The same problem arises over The same problem arises over Europe. Tony Blair says that Labour will not be isolated in Europe; new Labour will stand up for British interests; new Labour may or may not join the single currency; new Labour will not take Britain into a European superstate. I have been a critic of Tory policy on Europe, but new Labour's policy is grotesque, no more than a jumble of contradictions. It is impossible to know what its European policy will be. The fact is that Germany and France are determined to create a European superstate; the single currency is part of that plan; we do not know what Tony Blair will do about the single currency; he will not even allow his candidates to discuss it. Either the Eurosceptics or the Eurofanatics are about to be

When he arrives in Downing Street next Friday, the new Prime Minister will find that he has created expectations he cannot fulfil. He has spent the election reassuring the Right: now he has started to reassure the Left. He told The Observer: "I want the Left to realise that if we win this election, we will have done so without ceding any ground that cannot be recovered. I am going to be a lot more radical in government than many people think." What did this mean? It must mean that he has not ceded any left-wing ground "that cannot be recovered", and that he intends to be "radical" in a left-

wing sense. I am sure the Left will not trust these implausible assurances, so why does he make them? Already something very important has been lost. If you do not tell the voters what you intend to do, you cannot get a mandate from them to do it. That is the inner failure of an outwardly successful campaign. If the issue is trust, as Tony Blair says, new Labour has disappointingly refused to earn it.

How much will change?

Don't expect a new Jerusalem,

wing social democrat at that. I have

not found the Tories' personal

attacks on him at all convincing,

except on pensions. There, I think

he must have known that the

Labour accusation was not the

truth; that is a pity, as I would like

to have thought him above that. Yet I find him a sympathetic figure.

I also see the arguments for new

Labour. There is, after 18 years, a natural desire for a change of gov-

ernment. Taking the period as a whole, the Conservatives have

great achievements, but there have

been bad mistakes, such as the handling of the 1990s recession.

They now look as though they have used up their ideas and energy.

Their stance on Europe may be

greatly preferable to Labour's - I

think it is — but John Major's own

European policy has not been

satisfactory from any point of view.

New Labour offers some new hope.

Yet I worry, and I think most people do. In Scotland I found that

Tony Blair had little personal

popularity. Scotland has a social-

democratic tradition, but with cul-

tural differences. Scottish opinion

was much more comfortable with John Smith than with Tony Blair as leader of the Labour party. Mr

Blair has said that the issue comes

down to one of trust; he probably

enjoys more trust among Tory

and hope is the elixir of politics.

says Peter

Riddell. Fresh battle lines are

being drawn

hursday's election is in danger of being misinterpreted. The probable outcome of a large Labour victory, only the third clearcut win in the party's history, is being widely seen as a critical turning-point. For the Centre-Left, if not the old Left, it will be trumpeted as the dawn of a new progressive era, while, for the Tory Right, it will be presented as marking the rejection of the vacillations and betrayals of Majorism. A Labour landslide would certainly be dramatic, but it may not of itself represent a sea change in the direction of British politics.

Most elections which change governments are, at the time, more to do with the past than the future. The electorate's verdict is usually conditional and looks significant later only if the direction of policy really changes. We now look back on 1906 and 1979 as landmark elections because of later battles and achievements.

This election has been less about a choice of different policies than about the credibility of two alternative governing par-ties. It is about time for a change. not a crusade for a new Jerusalem. The Conservatives no longer look electable, while for the first in more than two decades, Labour does. A majority of the public is fed up with the Conservatives, but, crucially, no longer fears that Labour threatens its economic

wellbeing.
Indeed, the Conservatives have got the better of Labour on many of the main economic arguments - for instance, over whether it will be possible to improve health



and education within existing tight spending constraints, and over privatisation. But much to the Tories' frustration, the public is no longer afraid of Labour. Warnings about a July Budget, spending "black holes" and future tax rises no longer have the power to win

back wavering voters.

The campaign itself has probably made little difference. The elaborate planning and pretentions of Jahour's war-room in Millbank have done wonders for the self-esteem and employment prospects of those involved, but have probably mattered only in preventing some of the mishaps of past campaigns - valuable in en-forcing self-discipline, but not

Similarly, among the Conserva-tives the open defiance of the leadership line on a single currency by so many candidates, and the manoeuvring by future leadership contenders have obscured the

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party's economic message, but have merely reinforced the existing impressions of disunity. All this may have made the Tories' position worse, but it will not have altered the outcome. A sudden decision to rule out membership of a single currency would not have won the election, but probably just highlighted the splits. The election has been decided over the past five years rather than the past five weeks.

Yet the campaign has mattered in a more negative sense. Labour has fought on a safety-first platform. It has accepted the Government's spending plans for the next two years as well as most of the main changes of the Tory years. Any commitments have been very limited and incremental. Mr Blair argues that in time the radicalism he has shown in transforming

the Labour Party will also be shown in government. Meanwhile, he had no choice but to pursue a campaign of reassurance, in view of continuing public doubts about the party's attitudes on tax, spending and the unions. But Labour has, in the process, narrowed the political debate and its own room for manoeuvre in office. It risks being accused of betrayal if it raises taxes or squeezes spending on public spending. In that respect, the Liberal Democrats have stood alone in their candour about the real spending and tax

In electoral terms, Labour's strategists are right. The public wants to get rid of the Conservatives, but not their policies, and it does not believe that Labour has a magic answer. A majority of the public doubts whether Labour will be able to keep all of its promises. The most revealing polling statistic of the campaign was not about

voting intentions but about the economy, in the MORI poll for The Times last Thursday. Nearly half of the public thinks that the Government has built strong foundations for economic recovery, against twofifths in 1992; but some 28 per cent now also think it is time for a change of government. More than a quarter of the public therefore accepts the Tories' economic case but no longer believes that they should be in office. That is why they

But this is a double-edged verdict for both parties. Many on the Tory Right can hardly wait until 10pm on Thursday before blaming John Major for betraying "true" Conservative principles, particularly on Europe, and starting to push the party in a more nationalist, free-market direction. But the Conservatives problem is not their policies but themselves, their inability to act in a unified and

o to conclude from defeat on Thursday that the party should charge off to the right could be as grievous an error as Labour made when it swung to the left in the early 1980s. In the past, the Conservatives' desire for power has acted as a rapid corrective, but the malaise is so serious now, that the party may have to go through very damaging convulsions first.

A Labour victory after so long will, of course, change the political mood and open up fresh possibilities. But a big majority should not be confused with a mandate for radical change. Labour has campaigned on a cautious. and often vague, platform and, as Mr Blair well knows, its first priority in office will be to show that it can govern competently.

Only if it succeeds will Labour be able to develop support for more radical changes. Whatever the size of majority on Thursday, it will be a long time before we will know whether the 1997 election was as decisive as 1979 later turned out to be, or was a short-lived triumph like 1960. That depends not just on how Labour performs in office, but on how quickly the Tories come to their senses in opposition.

Wrongfooted

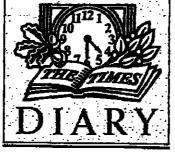
don's Royal Lancaster Hotel last week when Michael Foot, now 83, turned up to seek refuge there during a bomb-scare, with Dizzy, his 17-year-old Tibetan terrier named after Disraeli. Foot had taken Dizzy out on the

hustings around Lancaster Gate, west London, gallantly canvassing for new Labour, when news of the possible bomb reached him. He decided that it would be sensible to take refuge in the hotel and pitched up at the front door. The porter at the door took a look

at Foot, then glanced at Dizzy, who returned the compliment. But when the former Labour leader asked gently whether they would be allowed in to rest for a short while, the imperious little doorman remarked that this would be more than his job was worth. Dogs. he explained, were not allowed in. whatever the cirumstances and

with Dizzy at heel, and took his rest on the hotel steps. "It was utterly "but I don't want to speak on the matter." Foot now plans to boycott





the establishment, and is apparently urging others to do likewise.

 Sir Clement Freud has changed his mind about the inscription he wants on his tombstone. Instead of "He never insulted anybody unintentionally", he now wants "Best Before..." followed by the date of his passing.

In the air

REHEARSALS FOR the English National Bailet's Swan Lake at the Royal Albert Hall in June have proved testing for the artistic director, Derek Deane, who is a regular walker of Princess Margaret. To accommodate his cast of 125

girls — the ballet is billed as the biggest ever produced — Deane has rented a Territorial Army barracks on the outskirts of the City. He now has to direct affairs perched precariously at the top of a 20ft ladder, though he regrets that he is unable to prance about along

Distaff side

THE LATEST skirmish in the battle of the sexes is being fought in the heraldry offices of Dublin Castle. Mary Robinson, the President of Ireland, has been awarded the first politically correct coat of arms by the Irish Chief Herald. She receives her arms in the shape of a shield, a design formerly reserved for men.

In Ireland, as in England and Scotland, women are usually awarded a diamond escutcheon, but in December last year the Chief Herald in Dublin felt that this discrimi-

nation was no longer acceptable.

Fergus Gillespie, the Deputy Chief

so we thought we would change the rules to show willing."

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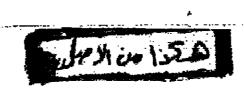
now to suit Labour."

so little. Iris Palmer, whose aristocratic scowl can earn her up to £10,000 a day, has just accepted the position of editor-at-large of Cheap Date, an amateur fashion magazine specialising in second-hand clothes. Her duties include com-missioning articles and modelling charity shop frocks. Among her similarly well-connected staff will be Minnie Weiss, sister of the actress Rachel, and the aspiring



Iris: amateur role

Mills & Boon novelist Bella Shand. An insider reveals that Miss Palmer's pay packet will be "nominal" but says that she has settled in well to her new offices — a grubby kitchenette in Notting Hill, west



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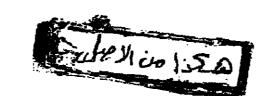
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SCEPTICAL VOTERS

Still time to cross-examine candidates on Europe

To no one's surprise, but at neither Mr Major's or Mr Blair's initial behest, Britain's relationship with its European partners has become a dominant issue in this election campaign. While the Tory and Labour leaders have fought to make education or the constitution the battleground two other men have made the weather. Paul Sykes and Jacques Santer have ensured that Europe has become the election issue whose salience has risen most in the public mind. The scale of Conservative dissent, with hundreds of candidates saying no to EMU, and the scale of continental ambition, with no alternative entertained to further integration, has prompted voters monvated by Europe to ask who they should support. That process of questioning is wise and necessary. In the days remaining it should be conducted with even greater intensity.

Both parties have articulated their policy in the tones of a Churchill while the detail is closer to Chamberlain. To help cut through the verbal camouflage we print on pages 10 and Il a guide to how a Eurosceptic might wish to cast his or her ballot. The guide could, equally well, be employed by an enthusiast for integration to identify likeminded candidates. Because of the convergence bordering on collusion which marks the approach towards the single currency of the Labour and Tory leaderships it is important that voters should have a proper chance to know what their individual candidates believe.

As the guide makes clear, such an exercise is not easy. Tory candidates have responded to the offer of financial support from Mr Sykes and the shifting mood in the country

by inserting codicils, some quite dubious, into their election testaments. The voter should be rightly wary of those candidates who cannot "foresee" Britain entering a single currency at the moment. Pledges such as those should be tested more closely. It was by such an equivocation that Michael Heseltine masked his ambition, claiming he could not foresee the circumstances in which he might challenge Mrs Thatcher. Circumstances change, principles do not.

If anything, it is more difficult to know the real beliefs of Labour candidates. When it comes to Europe they are like characters in a new Dunciad: "universal darkness covers all". Some have, by past affiliation, clear form. A very few others, such as Denzil Davies, are not ashamed to proclaim their position on the hustings. Most Labour candidates, however, have refrained from sharing with the voters their views on the most momentous decision Britain will have to face since the war. Labour's leader has argued there are "formidable obstacles" to be overcome before Britain enters a single currency but those obstacles seem, again, to be matters of external circumstance, not internal principle.

Both leaderships have made feints and thrusts on the European question. Their real intentions and the disposition of many footsoldiers is yet still uncertain. Voters, armed with our guide, should challenge their candidates, find out what their genuine views are and ask for principled commitments. All candidates should be encouraged to declare their hands. The party machines do not wish to be bound, but the voters should not have to choose blind.

HANDS ACROSS THE OCEAN

Lessons from Clinton to Blair

Elections are sometimes best seen through the eyes of foreigners. The host of US correspondents covering this contest have been struck by the similarities between Tony Blair and Bill Clinton. The parallels are hardly original and have, at times, been encouraged by the Labour leadership. But the disillusionment with Mr Clinton felt by the US press has meant that Mr Blair's imitation has not led to flattering comments.

The Blair-Clinton kinship has also been much overstated. There are differences between the two systems of government, political circumstances and the personalities concerned. Despite that, the polished character and thin content of the Labou campaign has made the Clinton comparison irresistible. In his interview with The Times last week. Mr Blair himself noted by way of defence that President Clinton had at least been re-elected.

In this election Labour has been supremely cautious, embracing relatively small policy proposals and rejecting its taxand-spend past. It has targeted the middleclass and remained remorselessly "on message". The image has been carefully honed and it has created the charge that traditional constituencies have been abandoned. Such a strategy clearly echoes Mr Clinton's second-term formula.

The Arkansas Democrat was far more ambitious when he first sought office. Then Governor Clinton favoured an energetic economic plan based on a \$220 billion programme of state-sponsored high technology investments. He promised a fundamental reform of the American health care system. He pledged radical change in the welfare system. These were specific objectives if vague in their details. The agenda was certainly distinctive from that regularly presented by his party. But it was far from incremental.

Once elected, President Clinton con-

fronted the realities of the American Constitution. A powerful Congress and a divided Democratic Party asserted their supremacy. A disillusioned public ensured a Republican landslide in 1994. A chastened Mr Clinton, influenced by Dick Morris his new pollster, charged to the centre ground and embraced low-calorie conservatism in 1996. That shift, combined with the excessive zeal of Newt Gingrich, brought its rewards.

Mr Blair, assuming an overall majority on May 1, would face no such institutional obstacles. The House of Commons would be compliant, his parliamentary troops mostly passive, and he would be excused a rendez-American President has such advantages. Yet the Labour manifesto is much closer to the second Clinton effort: a document that was predominantly devoid of vision and fashioned by defeat in 1994.

The Labour leader believes that he has learnt from Mr Clinton. His associates would argue that while the President campaigned as a "New Democrat" in 1992 he became an "Old Democrat" in the Oval Office. Americans felt cheated and voted for a conservative Congress. But another interpretation is truer. Mr Clinton attempted a New Democrat" agenda from the start: fiscal responsibility, free trade, and a mixed state-market approach to social issues.

He failed because the "New Democrat" formula had such shallow intellectual and political foundations. It may be neither "Old Left" nor "New Right" but negatives alone do not create a coherent philosophy or a base in the country. In the end it could not deliver. That is why Mr Clinton eventually retreated into electoral opportunism. Many spurious Anglo-American comparisons will doubtless be offered in the final days of campaigning that remain but the fate of the New Democrats is still one that should preoccupy Mr Blair and new Labour.

DREAMING MINARETS

Oxford and Islam should learn from each other

The proposal by the Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies to build a mosque in the centre of the ancient city will provoke heated debate among architects. Will a minaret be out of place in the panorama of dreaming spires? Should the site, on the edge of Magdalen deer park, be preserved as one of the last open green field areas in the city? Or could a synthesis of Moorish and Gothic bring to Oxford the beauty of Venice and the Alhambra, both blends of East and West?

Academically the new centre will also be under scrutiny. The Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies was founded five years ago with generous funding by Saudi Arabia and Brunei to promote the study of Islam in Britain. Its aim, to act as a bridge between Western scholarship and more than a million Muslims now living in Britain, has been warmly supported by the Prince of Wales, who delivered his celebrated eulogy of Islam at its inauguration. Since then the centre has held a series of academic conferences, attracted a nucleus of reputable scholars, begun a publishing programme and funded a Prince of Wales Chair for the Study of the Islamic World. The question is not whether Britain needs such a centre; such intellectual recognition of the largest minority faith in this country is overdue. More to the point, will the centre encourage the freedom of thought and dispassionate analysis that are rare in the Muslim world and anathema in Saudi Arabia, its main

sponsor? And if so, is Oxford the right place? The university should have no hesitation in embracing the centre. The study of Arabic and Islam has a long and honourable tradition in Britain, and for centuries Oxford has been pre-eminent in this field. Indeed, the university owes more to Islam than most of its students or scholars may realise. Not only is the typical college modelled on similar walled gardens of learning that flourished in the East; but it was Muslims who for all the centuries of Europe's Dark Ages preserved and enriched the ancient learning that was rediscovered in the century when the first Oxford colleges were founded. Indeed, Gibbon, in one of his rare flights of historical speculation, declared that had Charles Martel not defeated the Saracens at Poitiers in 732 "the Arabian fleet might have sailed without a naval combat into the mouth of the Thames. Perhaps the interpretation of the Koran would now be taught in the schools of Oxford".

It is also important for the future of Islam in Britain and abroad that what looks set to become an influential research centre should be in a city such as Oxford. The West has watched with concern the rise of Islamic political extremism in countries such as Algeria, Iran and Afghanistan, where the values and enlightenment of Islamic learning have been extinguished by fanaticism, obscurantism and ignorance. If an Islamic renaissance, absorbing and synthesising modern learning and technology, is to enrich the religion's one billion adherents there are few more conducive cities than Oxford. Here, at last, the Christian cloister and mosque courtyard can rediscover their intellectual as well as architectural affinities.

church attendance.
The Church of England might do their Anglican counterparts. Yours faithfully,

SUSAN M. BARNARD, 4 Egerton Drive.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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change on May 1

From Dr David Halpern

Sir. Party splits and negative campaigning have been the focus of the current election campaign. But it is ex-tremely important that these do not obscure the real issues at stake: Do the constitution and the machinery of government need reforming? Do we need a higher priority on investment in education, training and

on the active creation of opportunities for the unemployed? Do we believe that there is an essential role for the State in ensuring certain types of universal provision, such as for healthcare and environmental

protection?

Should our strategy towards Europe be one of constructive engagement? We believe that the answer to these questions is "yes". Considered change in these areas is essential for the future prosperity and regeneration of Britain, and for this we need a change of government. We come from diverse fields of policy and academia and will be voting for and supporting such a change on May 1. We hope that reflecting on the issues will bring

Yours faithfully, DAVID HALPERN (University of Cambridge). DAVID CURRIE (London Business School), RICHARD DAWKINS (University of Oxford), ANTHONY GLDDENS (Director, LSE), JONI LOVENDUSKI (Southampton University), QUENTIN SKINNER (University of Cambridge). Cambridge University, Faculty of Social and 8 Jesus Lane, Cambridge CB5 8BA.

others to do the same.

Silicone implants

From Mr Simon Kay

Sir. Dr Stuttaford does women a service (Body and Mind, April 17) in highlighting the benefit of breast reconstruction after mastectomy and of augmentation following spontaneous loss of breast tissue. Given the history of many "failed" innovations in im-plant technology, however, I would have preferred a more cautious appraisal of Trilucent implants, whose increased radiolucency allows more accurate mammography.

Following the "silicone scare" of recent years a number of new designs for breast implants have appeared, and yet research conducted in many Western countries has failed to show convincingly - the problems with mammography aside - any serious or significant risk associated with the conventional silicone implants. Britain has taken a particularly responsible view of this matter, monitoring the use of such implants and analysing the huge amount of research data now available on the issue of safety.

This has not stopped the welcome development of new implants and, in the case of Trilucent, marketing directly to the public. Patients now commonly insist upon receiving this im-plant in the belief, apparently shared by Dr Stuttaford, that an implant filled with oil prepared from soya must be safer than one filled with silicone, soya oil being a biodegradable food-

The truth is that we will not know for a number of years whether these implants are totally resistant to bacterial growth or, more importantly perhaps, to fungal growth, or how in the long term their leakage will compare with other products and whether there might be an unsuspected consequence of contact with soya bean oil at body temperature over many years.

Yours faithfully. SIMON KAY (Consultant in plastic and reconstructive surgery), Bupa Hospital, Roundhay Hall, Jackson Avenue, Leeds, West Yorkshire.

Church welcome

From Mrs Susan M. Barnard

Sir, I read with interest Mrs Jane Haworth's letter (April 22) concerning the Church of England and in particular her observation that only confirmed members of the Church can participate fully in Holy Communion.

I have often wondered why this should be so. It is particularly unfortunate that the minimum recommended age for confirmation in the Church of England (11) all too often coincides with the time when youngsters (hitherto raised on a diet of compulsory Sunday school) lose interest in

well to consider the system practised by the Roman Catholic Church, where first Communion and confirmation are completely separate ceremonies. Roman Catholic children receive their first Communion at the age of seven or thereabouts, and hence are able to participate fully in the service of Holy Communion from a much younger (and more impressionable) age than

Hale, Altrincham, Cheshire.

Academics opt for Business warned against Labour

From Lord Sheppard of Didgemere and others

Sir, Through your newspaper we wish to send a message to Britain's younger managers and business

With global markets, the competition you face today is tougher than it was in the Sixties and Seventies. The difference between success and failure is frighteningly small but determines jobs and living standards. However, you have a major advantage now that we did not have then - a business climate which enables you to run your operations effectively.

Twenty years ago enterprise had been suffocated by socialist dogma: being a manager or earning a profit was frowned upon. "They" always knew better. Managers were so preoccupied dealing with the unions and shop stewards that they often forgot to involve their fellow employees.

It took a great effort from everyone and four Conservative Covernments to restore the spirit of enterprise fully and make our businesses competitive again in world markets. During that period overseas attitudes towards us moved from sympathy to emulation. We want you to look forward and to

keep winning for Britain - however we can all learn from history. The Labour Party may claim to help business but in reality, with its interventionist and over-regulatory attitudes, it has and will always handicap management

On May I you have a choice; you can either take a chance with Britain's hard-won success or you can trust the party which has proven its belief in enterprise. Not the most difficult decision you will face this year - but certainly the most important.

Yours faithfully, ALLEN SHEPPARD. MICHAEL EDWARDES. HANSON, STANLEY KALMS. KING of WARTNABY, IAN MacLAURIN. 20 Cockspur Street, SW1.

Immigration as an election issue

From Mr David Coleman

Sir, Your articles on race and immigration as election issues (April 18) gave a fair and balanced treatment of a complex situation. I was surprised, however, that more was not made of the fact that immigration has generally been increasing in recent years and that over the past decade the UK has become a net importer of people.

The Home Office figures which you cite of 55,480 "acceptances for settlement" in 1995 relate mostly to people who actually arrived in previous years. They also take no account of the large number of immigrants (UK citizens among them) each year who were "not accepted for settlement", nor of the many emigrants leaving the

The estimates of gross and net migration flows given by the international Passenger Survey, which are those used for official data and projections, also show an upward trend. Even so, they undercount net immigration to the UK (by an average of 20,000 people per year) by omitting the "visitor switches" - ie, those who enter on various short-term pretexts and stay here by subsequently claiming asylum or by marriage. When these figures are taken into account,

55,000 in 1984 to 106,000 in 1994.

Even that figure excludes those asylum claimants (about a third of the total) who claim asylum at the point of entry to the UK. Most claimants and their dependants are believed to remain here, even though most claims are rejected as unfounded. Less than one in ten is removed or is known to leave. They too should be added to immigration figures on any commonsense basis.

Two further points are relevant. Labour's proposals, confirmed in their manifesto, to make immigration easier for purposes of marriage and to scrap recent legislation on asylum claiming have attracted surprisingly little interest. We should recall, as the election approaches, that citizens of Commonwealth countries who live in the UK (and Irish citizens) retain the right to vote in UK national elections without becoming British citizens first

— a privilege which has no parallel in
mainland Europe.

Yours faithfully. DAVID COLEMAN, University of Oxford, and Social Research. Barnett House. Wellington Square, Oxford.

Chips with everything

From Eur Ing William Neil

Sir, In his letter today Professor Erneritus Rose-Innes claims that the silicon chio has made "a very large contribution to unemployment". I too am an electrical engineer and would point out that it has created more jobs than it has destroyed, in the same way that the motor car created more jobs than were lost in the horse and stagecoach

There are millions more people in jobs today than there were 40 years ago, and the number of engineering graduates coming out of our universities compared with 1957 is several orders of magnitude higher.

Any "downsizing" which has taken place in the ex-nationalised industries was long overdue, and was a result of work by efficient managers who had had the dead hand of the Civil Service removed from them. Some companies, such as BT, clearly require fewer technicians because of the chin, but the growth of jobs with alternative telecom suppliers far outweighs those

Yours faithfully, WILLIAM NEIL, l Conisboro Avenue. Caversham, Berkshire. April 21.

From Flight Lieutenant M. Rubenstein, RAF

Sir. Professor Rose-Innes "cannot think of an industry or business where the need for manpower has not been substantially reduced by the computer and automation". I can think of two: the computer industry and the automation industry.

Yours faithfully, MARTIN RUBENSTEIN, Trenchard Hall Officers' Mess, Royal Air Force Cranwell, Sleaford, Lincolnshire. April 22.

From Mr Harry Cooksley

Sir, I would suggest that my own profession, that of funeral directing, is unlikely to be challenged by either the computer or automation industry.

Microchips do not turn out at night to attend a death. Nor do they help the bereaved before, during and after a funeral when sensitive personal skills are required. They do not prepare and dress the deceased, carry the coffins. nor clean the cars.

It is true that we use computers for word-processing and accounts, but I imagine that any saving in man (or woman) power is more than offset by the need for extra lumberjacks and papermill workers to feed these machines' insatiable appente for paper.

Yours faithfully, HARRY COOKSLEY. Church Farm House. Wickham Way. East Brent, Somerset.

Department of Applied Social Studies

Crime and punishment

From Mr E. C. Hicks, JP

Sir, Mr J. A. Davis, former Clerk to the Kingston upon Thames justices. laments the demise of unit fines fletter. April 22). I doubt if many of his erstwhile colleagues share his views. For those who sat on the bench,

operating the system was a nightmare. We found ourselves haplessly imposing sentences which were ludicrously high or ridiculously low, which we had no discretion to vary. Among many defects the funda-

mental one was that the bench could take into consideration only the defendant's means. Yet in sentencing several factors must be taken into account, means to pay being only one.

Anyone involved during the trau-mas of 1992-93 who still feels that the system prescribed by the 1991 Act was a success should lie down quietly in a darkened room until the feeling goes

Yours faithfully, E. C. HICKS, Scarthwaite, Grange-in-Borrowdale. Keswick, Cumbria. April 23.

From Mr Geoffrey McLean

Sir, If the financial punishment for crime should be related to income. how would Messrs Fred Wachsberger (letter, April 15) and Julian Calderara (April 22) have calculated the scale of fines to which I would have been subject during the years 1987 to 1992, when my income as a Lloyd's name

was negative? Perhaps I would have received a bonus, increasing with the serious-ness of my offence.

Yours sincerely, GEOFFREY McLEAN, PO Box 324. Wolverhampton WV6 7EP. April 22

Too many cats

From Ms Leonora Digby Smith Sir, Surely Mr F. Paul Taylor (letter,

April 25) is too hard on cats, which are only doing what comes naturally. At least the birds they catch are freerange, unlike the millions of cruelly factory-farmed hens that are consumed by humans in this country each

Yours faithfully. LEONORA DIGBY SMITH. 4a Sharpleshali Street, Primrose Hill, NWI. April 25.

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Ex-Tories' at home with Lib Dems

From Miss Emma Nicholson

Sir, Many people who have traditionally supported the Conservative Party are very unhappy at the prospect of doing so at this election.

We have all left the Conservative Party during the last Parliament sickened by the slide into hysterical anti-Europeanism, by an unworthy tolerance of sleaze and by uncaring social

We appeal to all Conservative voters from the One Nation tradition to vote Liberal Democrat on Thursday. We feel at home with a patriotic, nonsocialist party that cares for all our people, is committed to a strong Britain in Europe, and which has campaigned on the need to invest in health

and education. When the Conservative Party relapses into deep internal schism after the election we shall need a strong united Liberal Democrat presence in the next Parliament more than ever.

Yours faithfully, EMMA NICHOLSON. PETER THURNHAM. DAVID DEAR (Councillor, Bromley). ISOBEL FRASER (Councillor, Milton Keynes). PETER MULLINS (County Councilior, Buckinghamshire). JIMMY NAIRN (Councillor, Berwickshire), JENNY RILEY (Liberal Democrat Parliamentary Candidate. Wantage). SINCLAIR WEBSTER (Councillor, Woking), Liheral Democrats. Party Headquarters, 4 Cowley Street, SWI. April 26.

Rebuke for TV

From Mr Robert Watson

Sir, A hearty welcome for the rebuke by Mr Peter Rogers, Chief Executive of the Independent Television Commission, over ITV's endless diet of soaps and drama serials (reports, April 23). Not only have Coronation Street and The Bill recently extended their coverage but the content has changed to turgid melodrama, family feuds and, in the case of the latter. rape. Both used to be light-hearted family viewing.

You also reported (later editions and see letters, April 25] a ban by ma-jor TV companies of the Prolife Alli-ance's election broadcast pictures of the effects of abortion. Presumably they will continue to show films depicting violence and obscenities, with inadequate warnings.

All good wishes to the ITC. Their report is a beacon in the gathering gloom.

Yours faithfully. R. J. WATSON, ló Riddy Lane, Luton. Bedfordshire. April 25.

Defence of choirs

From Captain Richard Sharpe, RN,

Sir, Maybe our cathedral choirs are "happily ignored by the entire popula-tion" (Richard Morrison, April 19; letter, April 25) but there are huge rewards for those who discover one of this nation's best-kept secrets. As the privileged father of two chor-

isters at Winchester choir school some years ago I used to come in from weeks of technological hyperactivity in a nuclear submarine in the deep, cold Atlantic to the incomparable peace and beauty of a weekday choral Evensong. As a means of restoring normality

and mental equilibrium I would strongly recommend these services to anyone caught up in the stresses of modern living. Not only is the singing beautiful, it also costs nothing to listen - which could be one reason why cathedral choirs are not more highly

Yours faithfully. RICHARD SHARPE (Editor. Jane's Fighting Ships). Foundry House, Kingsley, Bordon, Hampshire, April 25.

Victory anthem?

From the Director of Music, Strathallan School

Sir. What about an anthem for choral Evensong on election day (letters, April 22, 23, 24)? S. S. Wesley offers a number of possibilities, among them Cast me not away. Thou wilt keep Him, or even

Yours sincerely, DAVID G. READ, Director of Music. Strathallan School, Forgandenny, Perth.

The Wilderness.

From the Parish Clerk of

St Dunstan-in-the-West Sir, Why should your correspondents assume that the Church of England has got it right on the general election when it seems to have got almost everything else wrong in the past 50 years?

Yours faithfully, DAVID POWELL, Parish Clerk, St Dunstan-in-the-West. 186a Fleet Street, EC4. April 24.



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE April 25: The Duke of York. Colonel-in-Chief, this morning visited the 4th Battalion. The Royal Irish Regiment at Grosvenor Barracks, Enniskillen, and at St Lucia Barracks, Omagh, and was re-ceived by Sir David Fells (Head of the Northern Ireland Civil

His Royal Highness this afternoon visited the 3rd Battalion. The Royal Irish Regiment at Mahon Road, Portadown.

Today's royal engagements

The Princess Royal, as President. British Knitting and Clothing Ex-port Council, will visit Grenfell. Grenfell House, Rylands Street. Burnley, Lancashire, at 11.25; will open the new Chorley and South Ribble District General Hospital. Preston Road, Chorley, at noon; and as Patron, the Butler Trust, will visit Lancaster Farms, Farm Moor Lane, Stone Row Head, off Quernmore Road, Lancaster at 3.

Imperial College

The Imperial College of Science. Technology and Medicine ar-nounces that an agreement has been reached in principle for the formal amalgamation of the Wynn Institute for Metabolic Research into the imperial College School of Medicine as the Wynn Depart-ment of Metabolic Medicine.

Royal Over-Seas League

The Annual General Meeting of the Royal Over-Seas League will be held at 6.30pm on Tuesday, May 6, 1997, at Over-Seas House St James's Street, London SWI.

Radley Midsummer

As part of the 150th celebrations the Ball is to be held at Radley on June 21, Please apply for further details: 01235 543103, or Fax 01235

Birthdays today

Lady Helen Taylor celebrates her

33rd birthday today. Other birthdays include: Mr P.T. Bateman, executive chairman, Robert Fleming Asset Manage-ment, 51; Mr Ian Beer, former Head Master, Harrow School, 66; Professor Hugh Bentall, cardiac surgeon, 77; the Earl of Breadal-bane and Holland, 78; Mr Mike Brearley, cricketer and psychoanalyst, 55; Baroness Carnegy of Lour, 72: Sir Ivor Cohen, former chairman, Remploy, 66; Mr A.J. Colvin, Comptroller and City Solicitor, Corporation of London. 50: Commandant Elizabeth Craig-McFeely, former Director, WRNS, 70; Mr Duane Eddy, guitarist, 59; Mr Tony Ford, director, Crafts Council, 59; Dr Kenneth Kaunda, former President of Zambia. 73: Professor Nicola LeFanu, composer. 50: Sir John Leonard, former High Court judge, 7i: Earl Lloyd George of Dwyfor, 73: Dr M.D. Longlield, former director. Teesside Polytechnic, 69: Mr John Madejski, chairman, Hurst Publishing. 56: Mr William Moodie. former Chief Constable, Fife, 60 Sir Dai Rees, former chief exec-utive, Medical Research Council.

Helen Williams, former High Mis tress. St Paul's Girls' School, 59; Mr Kenneth Williams, Chief Con-stable, Norfolk, 53.

61; Dr Jeffrey Tate, conductor, 54;

Mr J.L. Thorn, former Head-master, Winchester College, 72:

Mr Garry Weston, chairman, Associated British Foods, 70: Mrs

A memorial service for Emeritus Professor Vero Wynne-Edwards, CBE, LLD, MA, DSc, DUniv, FRS, FRSC, FRSE, FIBiol. Regius Professor of Natural History at the University of Aberdeen from 1946 to 1974, who died on January 5, 1997, will be held in King's College Chapel, Old Aberdeen, at noon on Monday, May 12, 1997. All friends and colleagues are invited and should be seated in the Chapel by

Emeritus Professor

Vero Wynne-Edwards

Captain Nicholas Barker, RN

For unforeseen reasons, the thanksgiving service for Captain Nicholas Barker, CBE, DL, RN, will now be held in Southwark Cathedral on Wednesday, June II. at 3pm. and not All Hallows-bythe-Tower at Ilam. All inquiries to Royal National Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen. Tel: 0171-487 5101.

Nature notes

THE last of the summer migrants are arriving in Britain. The scratchy song of the whitethroat could be heard in many places last week as the newly arrived males danced in the air above the hedges. The first of the lesser whitethroats are also back: their song is a kind of chortling rattle that carries a long way. The first house martins are appearing: they will need more rain if they are to find the mud for building their nests under the eaves. A few passing dotterels have been seen in fields in the south: these are dainty brown plo-



The whitethroat

vers that nest in the Scottish Highlands and very occasionally in English Welsh mountains. Country lanes are turning white as the sweet-smelling

flowers open on the haw

thorn hedges, and cow parsiev comes into flower along the ditches. There are still many rosettes to open on the lower stalks of the cow parsley, and it will flourish well into June.

Horse-chestnut trees are like tall pyramids of white or

sometimes pink flowers; on crab-apples, the flower petals are white above and pink beneath. Larch plantations are a radiant green from one end to the other, and there are small red female flowers growing along the twigs.

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Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Charles Sturt, Australian explorer, Bengal, 1795; Anthony Ashley Cooper, 7th Earl of Shaftesbury, social reformer, London, 1801; Frances Hodgkins, pain-ter, Dunedin, New Zealand, 1869. DEATHS: Gilbert A. Becket, comic writer. Boulogne, 1856; Sir Samuel Cunard, shipowner, London, 1865; Richard Hughes, novelist, Harlech, 1976, Captain Cook landed in Australia at Botany Bay, 1770. The crew of the Bounty, led by Fletcher Christian, mutinied, 1789.

Private view

The Vikram Jadeja Foundation & Charitable Trust

The Trustees of The Vikram Jadeja Foundation: Sir Richard Fitz-Herbert, Bt, Vikram Jadeja, Sajan Chudasama and Krishna Jadeja held a Private View of The King of the World, The "Padshahnama" at the Queen's Gallery, Buckingham Palace on Wednesday, April 16. Mr Oliver Everett, Librarian, Windsor Castle, gave a talk on the historic perspective of the magnifi-cent Mughal Manuscript.

The Guests of Honour were: Mrs Chandaba K Jadeja, Mrs H R Darbar, Sir Michael Colman, Bt. and Lady Colman, Lady Fitz-Herbert, Viscount and Viscountess Windsor. Mr and Mrs Jamie Colman, Miss Eleanor Colman, Lord Dalmeny, the Hon Mary Anne Denison-Pender, Mr Rich-

Royal Marines

HM Ambassador to Belgium and

Group Captain David Henchen, Defence Attache, attended wreath-

laying ceremonies at Zeebrugge

Mole and St Donnass Churchyard

at the weekend. The Rev Basil

Watson said prayers. Lieutenant-Colonel H.H. Player, RMR, Colo-

nel R. Burford, HAC, the Mayor

and Councillors of Dover, the
Aldermen of Brugge and
Zeebrugge, the Chairman of the
Royal British Legion, Belgium.
members of the Royal Marines,

Royal Marines Reserves and the

City of London branch of the Royal

Marines Association were present.

Association

Service luncheon

Royal Hampshire Regiment Lieutenant-Colonel Hugh Keatinge, Chairman of the Royal Hampshire Regiment Officers' Association, presided at the annual Gallipoli luncheon held on Saturday at Serle's House, Winchester.

Service dinner Royal Monmouthshire RE (Militia)

Major-General K. O'Donoghue was the principal guest at a dinner given by Officers of The Royal Monmouthshire Royal Engineers (Militia) on Saturday at Great

Forthcoming marriages

Mr C.A. Crick and Miss J.W.C. Luckham

The engagement is announced between Charles, son of the late Mr M.A. Crick and of Mrs M.M. Crick, of Peterborough, and Jennifer, eldest daughter of Major (reld) and Mrs T.de C. Luckham. of Minster in Thanet

Mr J.G. Goad and Miss T.G. Cook

The engagement is announced between Justin, elder son of Mr and Mrs Timothy Goad, of Bletchingley, Surrey, and Tina. younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Cook, of St Albans,

Mr A.T. Harriman and Miss N.N. Davis

The engagement is announce Tuoyo, elder son of Chief and Mrs H. Harriman, of Lagos, Nigeria, and Natasha, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs R. Davis. of Wimbledon, London.

Mr C-G.A. Stubb and Miss S.E. Innes

The engagement is announced between Alexander, son of Mr and Mrs Göran Srubb, of Helsinki. Finland, and Suzanne, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Innes. of

Marriages

Mr A.C. Haire and Miss M.J.A. Shepherd

The marriage took place on April 26, 1997, at Our Lady of Good Counsel and Guardian Angels Roman Catholic Church, Bury. perween Mr Andrew Haire, son of Mr and Mrs C.A.R. Haire, of Kenton, Harrow, and Miss Alicen Shenherd, daughter of Major and Mrs J.D. Shepherd, of Bury, Lancashire. The Rev Father Paul J. Cannon officiated.

Mr M. Jowitt and Mrs A. Stross

The marriage took place quietly on April 12. 1997, at Ripley Castle, Harrogate, between Mark Jowitt, of Holmesfield, Derbyshire, and Anne Stross, of Coverdale, North

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ir £69 £109 £109 £79 £119 £89 N £189

The Sovereign's Parade

General Sir Michael Rose represented the Queen at the Sovereign's Parade at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst on Friday, April 11.

The following have been granted commissions in the regiments and corps shown, having successfully completed Commissioning Course No 902 (the Sword of Honour was won by Junior Under Officer A.M. Philp and The Queen's Medal by Officer Cadet A.M. Herron):

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a sister for James and Ton. MARRIAGES

GOLDSMITH-BETTANEY - On April 26th 1997 in Peckforton Castle, Cheshire, of Mr Gary C. Goldsmith of Maidenhead, Berks, and Miss Luan EV. Bettaney of Crewe.

DEATHS

INMES - Roy, acientist, teacher, socialist, died 22nd April aged 82 Beloved Instand of Fearl and proud devoted father of Indith and father-in-law of Jet. A very special and talented man, loved and respected by his many friends. Funeral at West Chapel, Golders Green Covmutorium on Wednesday 30th April at 3 pm. No flowers please. Donations to Pubbridge Centre Education Fund of Levetton \$ 50m, 524 Finchley Road, London, NW11 7EE.

LOCKWOOD - Agar Morrison on April 24th aged 76 peacefully at home in Moori Argentina Beloved husband of Mary and dearest father of Joanna, Victoria, Garin and Arients and Grandibles and Andrew and Grandfather of Karina, Mark and Josephine and brother of

MELIOR - Peocefully on April
24th 1997 at home, JFM.
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Maureen, grandfather of
Nicholas, Suzumanh, Elaine
and Christopher. He will be
much missed by his family
and many friends. Funeral
Service to be held at St
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at 11.30am on Thursday May at 11.30am on Thursday May 1st for family and friends. All enquiries, flowers to Lloyd Durham 11A Avenue Road, High Kelling, Hott, Norfolk 01263 713113.

PERCHAM - Alam, on 25th April 1997, peacefully at home after a courageous fight. Dearly loved husband of Ginny, devoted father of Henrietts, Charles and Jamie and much loved by his family and friends. Funetal at St Mary's Church, Shipley on Friday 2nd of May 2.30pm. Flowers, or, donations to: St Catherine's Hospice, clo Freeman Brothers, 9 North Panade, Horsham. West Sussex.

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SMELLING - Doctor Margaret Docothy MERS FECP, FRCS. FRCR, on 24th April 1997 at the Pines Nursing Home, the Fines nursing Home,
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Vale Crematorium at
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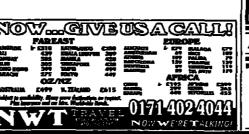
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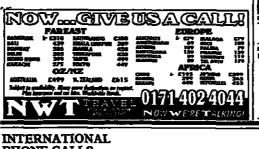


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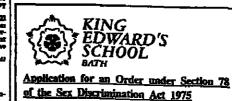
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throughout the School (2) The draft of the Order and the Trust Deeds thay be inspected at the office of the Bursar, King Edward's School at Bath by prior appointment.

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OBITUARIES

Peng Zhen, former Politburo member and Mayor of Beijing, died in Beijing on April 26 aged 95. He was born in 1902.

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eng Zhen was the oldest and highest ranking of the veteran revolutionaries associated with the entire span of the Communist revolution and the major events after the Communist victory in 1949. With his death there survive only three of China's "Eight Immortals". leaders revered for their long service to the revolution and to the Party. Peng's own career included virtually every high and low moment of China's modern history since he joined the Party in 1923, only two years after it was founded.

It is a mark of Peng's importance and seniority that in 1963 Chairman Mao considered him as a possible successor to President Liu Shaoqi, and thus to himself, and that in 1966 Peng became the first high-ranking victim of the Cultural Revolution. After his rehabilitation in 1978, brought back to power with the re-emergence of Deng Xiaoping. Peng continued into his very old age to play an active role, usually aligned with the leadership's more cautious elements, but always devoted

to Deng.
In 1989 Deng brought him out of official retirement to join the group of veteran grandees which directed the Tiananmen crackdown: it was Peng who accused Zhao Zivang, Party General Secretary who had been somewhat sympathetic to the students of "working with hostile forces ... to overthrow the Chinese Communist Party and disrupt the socialist system" - the charge which resulted in Zhao's

house arrest to this day. Peng Zhen was born in north China's Shanxi province, to a peasant family. Unusually for a poor boy he was able to secure a middle school education; during that time he joined the underground Communist Youth League and in 1923 the Party itself. In that year he was briefly arrested; this would recur in 1936 by which time he

Joan Lady Camrose

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Khan, son of Sir Sultan

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III. renowned as Imam of 15

million Ismaili Muslims.

twice president of the League

of Nations and five times

winner of the Epsom Derby.

Prince Aly and Joan mar-

ried in Paris in 1936 and had

two sons, Karim and Amyn.

When war broke out in 1940,

Prince Aly joined the French

cavalry and served through-

out the Middle East while

Joan based herself at the

Anglo-French Hospital in Cai-

ro after setting up home for

her two boys in Kenya. It was

during this period that she got

to know and admire her

father-in-law, Aga Khan III. It

was he who used her know-

PENG ZHEN



was on the North China Bureau of the Central Committee. After the Long March in 1930 Peng was active in regions of north China away from the main guerrilla base at Yanan. In 1945 he was elevated to full membership in the Central Committee and in 1951 rose to the Politburo and became Mayor of

During the late 1950s, Peng was a major figure in the various cumpaigns against "counter-revolutionaries" inside and outside the Party, and after the humiliation of Mao and other top leaders during the Hundred Flowers movement of 1957, it was Peng who led the five-man group in the anti-Rightist drive against intellectuals during which 400,000 people were purged, some of them for more than 20 years.

But in 1961, after the disastrous famine of 1954-61, during the Great Leap Forward, Peng was part of a group around Deng which considered laying the blame at the feet of Mao. But when it came to making a public report Peng could not face the consequences of such an act. It may have been for such loyalty that Mao considered Peng as a candidate to succeed him, but this also may have been one of the Chairman's manoeuvres to build a coalition against those who had criticised him which eventually led, beginning in 1966, to

Mao's purge of virtually the entire top leadership, beginning with Peng.
The immediate cause of Peng's purge

was that Wu Han, his deputy as mayor of Beijing, had written a play purport-ing to be about Hai Rui, an honest 17thcentury official who had dared to criticise the Ming emperor and was punished. This was seen as a covert attack on Mao's purge of Marshal Peng Dehuai who had blamed him for causing the 1959 famine. The purge of the Beijing hierarchy, led by Peng, is usually seen as the opening salvo of the Cultural Revolution.

After his rehabilitation in 1978, Peng stuck closely to Deng and joined him in the 1980s in his attacks on "bourgeois liberalisation" and "spiritual pollution", code words for Western liberal ideas and in January, 1987 Peng was one of those who brought down Hu Yaobang, then Party General Secretary, partly because Hu was seen as slightly too sympathetic to students this prefigures the purge in 1989 of Zhao Ziyang, Hu's successor - but also because Hu was threatening to take action against the "princelings," corrupt offspring of the senior leaders.

Peng relinquished his last official pust, chairman of the National People's Congress in 1988, but remained one of China's most puissant leaders. Although an economic conservative. sceptical of Deng's reforms, in 1992 when Deng challenged the Party leadership to back him, Peng was loud

in his support. It is believed that in 1989, when Deng singled out Jiang Zemin as "core leader" and President, Peng favoured Poliburo member Qiao Shi, It was Qiao who oversaw the qingcha, the ferreting out" of tens of thousands within the Party who were said to have wavered during the Tiananmen period, an effort wholly approved by Peng. Because "Immortals" like Peng were

untouchable, President Jiang was forced to heed their advice and notice their feelings. With him gone, Jiang will have a freer hand.

He is survived by four sons and a daughter.

JOAN LADY CAMROSE



Joan Lady Camrose with her son the Aga Khan, 1957

ledge of hospitals and nursing to the benefit of his followers. In 1944 he appointed her health and education commissioner in East Africa and she helped introduce his plans for the management of Ismaili

schools and clinics. The marriage, however, did not survive the stress of the five-year hostilities of the Second World War, Princess Joan moved to a new home in Eaton Square, London, and opened her doors to a glinering array of diplomats, politicians, ambassadors, writers, musicians and journalists.

Meanwhile, her two sons were growing up rapidly. The old Aga's regard for her had not been affected by the diadvice that her sons were educated at Le Rosey in Switzerland and at Harvard in America, thus by-passing the conventional British upperclass equivalents of Eton or Harrow and Oxbridge. But in 1957 Aga III died and surprised the world by selecting in his will his 20-year old elder grandson, Karim, rather than either of his sons, Aly and Sadruddin, to succeed him as Imam or Spiritual Leader of the Ismaili Muslims scattered

the globe. Karim, still a junior at Harvard, had now to undertake a world tour when he would be formally installed as

through 22 countries all over

vorce and it was entirely on his the Ismaili's 49th Imam. Princess Joan found herself caught up in a whirl of preparations for a long and complicated journey, the first stage of which was to the three territories of East Africa (still very much under the British colonial wing). They involved meetings with the Ismaili leaders from the region and making arrangements for the entire family including Prince Aly himself (who bore any eventual disappointment with remarkable fortitude and whose loyalty to his son was exemplary).

Without once stepping on her son's toes, Princess Joan helped smooth his path with the media, accompanied him

to Buckingham Palace where the Queen passed on the title of "High Highness" originally bestowed on his grandfather by Queen Victoria.

The arrangement of the "Takht-nashinis", or accession ceremonies which followed in Dar-es-Salaam, Nairobi, Kampala, Karachi and Bombay were her next task. But whether the young Aga Khan was meeting the Kabaka of Uganda or Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru in New Delhi, Princess Joan was always discreetly at hand. Once the tour was completed, however, and as her son became more closely involved with Ismaili affairs she largely withdrew.

Even so, along with other members of the family, she accompanied him on several overseas visits well into her 70s. Most often she joined the family holidays with innumerable grandchildren at the Aga Khan's villa in Porto Cervo, Sardinia. Meanwhile she was free to indulge her other interests at the opera and ballet at Covent Garden, in health and hospitals and in archaeology. She played a leading role in stimulating interest in the former Hellenic sites on the southern coast of Turkey, most particularly in raising funds for the restoration of the ancient city of Aphrodisias.

In 1986 she married again. late in life, to her long term companion, the late Seymour Thomas Berry, Viscount Lord Camrose, former chairman and then director of The Daily Telegraph. She was to preside with as much grace and skill over his family home in Hackwood as she had done over Prince Aly's house at Maison Lafitte in Paris. Above all she was able to enjoy her other passion in life - landscape gardening. She researched the original plans and completely transformed the glorious woods and grounds at Hackwood, personally supervising its opening to the public.

Her third husband predeceased her. She is survived by her two sons.

SIR NICHOLAS BAKER

Sir Nicholas Baker. former Conservative MP for North Dorset, died of cancer on April 25 aged 58. He was born on November 23, 1938

A DEDICATED constituency MP. Nicholas Baker served as Conservative member for North Dorset for nearly 18 years. But it was his ill fortune to be principally remembered as the man who rejected the citizenship applications of Mohamed Al Fayed and his brother Ali, thereby provoking many of the Conservative Party's current troubles. Baker first attracted public

attention when he declared in the Commons, a year after his 1979 election to his North Dorset seat, that the heedless expansion of tourism in London was turning the capital into an uninteresting museum. Restaurant facilities. spawned to cater for the tourist trade, were often dirty and untidy, he said, and whole sections of the city, overcrowded with hotels, were becoming dormitories for tourists. High rents drove rightful residents

In his rural constituency he cumpaigned against out of town superstores, advocated the setting up of village housing trusts to provide low cost accommodation and fought to have the bones of the Anglo Saxon King of England, St Edward the Martyr, returned to what he said was their rightful resting place in Shaftesbury Abbey.

In Parliament from 1994 he proved a steadfast member of Home Secretary Michael Howard's ministerial team. He played a considerable role in passing legislation to extend pub licensing hours and de-fended Government policies on asylum applications. When he retired because of ill health in 1995 he was also working on the framing of legislation involving tighter immigration procedures to stop racketeers who make millions of pounds out of arranging bogus

marriages. Nicholas Baker was educated at St Neot's School in Hampshire and Clifton College, Bristol. Called up for National Service from 1957 until 1959 he was commissioned into the King's African Rifles in Tanganyika (now Tanzania). He was to mainain an abiding love of Africa and an interest in the evolving relationships between developed and developing countries. Even in the last year of Bow Group, 1970-71, and polit-

his life he published a pamphlet setting out proposals for redefining British priorities for aid. He also had great respect for the benefits of National Service and later advocated the return of some form of this whereby young people could choose to work in the community, either at home or overseas.

He went on to study Greats at Exeter College, Oxford. There he was an active member of his college debating society. He was also president of the Oxford Carlton Club. executive officer of the Oxford University Conservative Association and editor of Oxford

He was articled and qualified as a solicitor with the firm Richards, Butler in 1967. A solicitor, specialising in company and commercial law, he oined the London firm Frere Cholmeley (later Frere Cholmeley Bischoff) in 1973 as a partner. He was to become solicitor to the Beatles and to their record company Apple.

He was a founder of the Branstone branch of the North Kensington Conservative Association and was its chairman from 1964 until 1968. He was also vice chairman of the North Kensington Conservative Association from 1967 to 1969.

In 1971 he was adopted as tive parliamentary candidate for Southwark Peckham, contesting the seat in both elections in 1974. He also served as secretary of the daughter.

ical officer, 1971-72. At this time he produced the first of several policy pamphlets on subjects of special interest to him, including company law. rural housing and rural

planning. In 1979 he was elected Conservative MP for Dorset North. He was one of the first of that year's intake of new MPs to be offered a ministerial appointment. To the surprise of several colleagues at the time, he declined this offer. preferring to spend as much time as he could with his young family.

He did, however, become PPS to a succession of ministers culminating with Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for Defence in 1984, and to Lord Young, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, after Heseltine's resignation in Jan-

uary 1987. In 1989 he was appointed a junior whip and was promoted to a Lord Commissioner of the Treasury in the following year, remaining in the whips office until 1994. In that year he was appointed Under Secretary of State at the Home Office, but had to resign the next year because of ill health. He was knighted in the New Year's Honours earlier this year by the Queen's representative who visited him in his hospital bed.

He is survived by his wife Carol, whom he married in 1970 and by their son and

ELLEN HARRIS

Ellen Harris, Repters reporter, died on April II aged 94. She was born on April 20, 1902.

ELLEN HARRIS was the first woman to be given accreditation by the Serjeant at Arms to the Parliamentary Press Gallery. She went there at the nadir of the Second World War in 1940 to give the Reuter team a strong boost.

Reuters was then in Olympic-style, split second competition with the two other worldwide news agencies, United Press and Associated Press. A thirty second or one minute beat with a news flash was the round-the-clock aim. It meant space in the stop press columns of newspapers. From Fiji to Newfoundland they were going to press at all hours. A Reuter credit on an item brought prestige, and that ultimately was translated into sales and revenue.

Ellen Harris brought to this race fingers that sped over a keyboard in record time. She could type faster than anyone could speak, without sacrifice of accuracy. Literals or misplaced commas were unknown in her copy. Her mind was as quick as were her fingers. It soon pierced the mysteries of parliamentary procedure. She took charge of all written questions for Reuters as well as dispatching all



parliamentary copy, and remained a key figure in the Reuters team at Westminster until she retired in 1967.

Ellen Ada Baylis - known as "Bay" to friends and colleagues -- was born into a London family that hovered between working and lower middle class. She left school at 14, and within weeks joined Reuters as a messenger girl at the height of the First World War. After a day's running around in Fleet Street, she imposed on herself the tough discipline of evening classes to master shorthand and typing. And for 51 years of unsocial hours, that could start at seven in the morning and on the late shift end at 10 or 11 at night, she gave Reuters her total

loyalty. The firm became almost the whole of her life when she married one of its traffic technicians, Tom Harris. They remained together until he died nearly 50 years

In the tea room of the House of Commons she became friendly with Bernard Taylor. the Nottinghamshire miner who came to Westminster as a Labour MP a year after she did. Taylor's wife died in 1983, a few years after Ellen Harris had been widowed. He began to visit her at her home in Eitham, on the Kent outskirts of London. Eventually they both found it increasingly difficult to cope on their own. So she sold her home to move into his council house in Mansfield Woodhouse. And he broke a lifelong principle and bought the house to give her security in her new home.

As Lord Taylor of Mansfield he remained a public figure to the end, and Ellen Harris partnered him in his public duties with flair, warmth and vivacity. A lifelong Tory voter. she took to Mansfield and its Labour society the moment she set foot among the old miners' cottages.

She stayed in the former council house in Shakespeare Avenue after Taylor died, But she was buried alongside Tom Harris in Eltham cemetery. There were no children.

Church news

Appointments The Rev Jeremy Allcock, Vicar, East Ham, St Paul, now also Assistant Area Dean of Newham

The Rev Billy Barnes, curate, Northallerton with Kirby Sigston. to be Vicar, Dormanstown (York). The Rev Alan Bayes, curate, St Mark's, Talbot Village, Bournemouth, now has permission to officiale in diocese of Durham, and to be Chaplain to College of St Hild and St Bede at Durham University. The Rev Reginald Bushau. Vicar, St Mary Magdalene, Paddington, to be Priest-in-charge, St Stephen. Gloucester Road (London). The Rev Gary Barrett, Chuptain.

Elizabeth College, Guernsey (Winchesteri, to be Priest-in-charge. Westham (Chichester). The Rev Jonathan Brown, curate. Esher (Guildford), to be Team

Vicar, Crawley Three Bridges (Chichester). The Rev Vernon Brooke, Industrial Chaplain (Derby), to be Team Industrial Chaplains (Chichester). The Rev Derek Chandler, Curate,

Bitterne Park. Southampton (Win-chester). to be Team Vicar Melton Mowbray Team Ministry, and Framland Deanery Youth Chaplain (Leicester). The Rev Colin Cheeseman, Chap-lain, HM Prison, Wealston, to be

Chaplain, HM Prison, Armley The Rev Timorhy Daplyn, Curate, Southmead, to be Bristol Diocesan Communications Officer, press officer for Bristol Archdeaconry, and Priest-in charge Abbots Leigh with

Leigh Woods (Bristol). The Rev Nicholas Deane, Vicar, Christ Church, Newburgh with St James, Westhead (Liverpool), to be Rector, Chadwell St Mary

(Chelmsford). The Rev Paul Topham, formerly Chaplain of Toukouse, Cahors and Pau, France (Europe), to be Priestin-charge, All Souls', St Mar-garet's, Twickenham (London). The Rev David Wills, Vicar. Mossley Hill (Liverpool), to be Rector, Walbrook Epiphany Team Ministry (Derby).

Resignations and retirements The Rev George Campbell, Vicar, West Bromwich Holy Trinity (Lichfield), to retire April 30. The Rev Richard Haigh, Rector. Brough with Stainmore. Musgrave and Warenp (Carlisle). to retire May 15.

The Rev Christopher Herbert. Vicar, Great Shelford (Elv), to rerice April 30. The Rev Juseph Hogarth, Vicar, Consett (Durham), to resign May

The Rev Jonathan Martin, curate. Heatherlands St. John (Salisbury). to resign and be executive director. Dame Agnes Weston's Royal Sailors' Resis, Dorsei.

Canon Paul Oestreicher, Canon Residentiary and Director of International Ministry at Covenity Cathedral (Covenity), to retire

The Rev John Pyle, Vicar, Chol-lerton with Birtley and Thockringion (Newcastle), to retire May 31. The Rev Michael Ranken, Honor ary Curate. Epsom. St Martir (Guildford), to retire April 30. The Rev Richard Watkins-Wright Rector, Great Gransden with Little Gransden (Ely), retired on March

The Rev Owen Blatchly, Rector, Binfield, All Saints and St Mark (Oxlord), to retire May 31. Canon Cavell Cavell-Northam, Vicar, Stony Stratford (Oxford), to retire August 31.

The Rev Richard Dent, curate, S Michael and All Angels Bedminster, and until recently Assistant Chaplain at Frencha) Hospital (Bristol), to retire May 31 The Rev Wendy Profe, curate, Hamworthy Team Ministry (Salisbury), to retire July 31.

THE KING'S VISIT TO GREENWICH

MARITIME MUSEUM OPENED The King went to Greenwich by river from Westminster yesterday to open the National Maritime Museum. With his Majesty were the Queen and Princess Elizabeth, and the First Lord of the Admiralty was Minister in attendance. A guard of honour of the Royal Marines was stationed on the embankment by Westminster Pier, and the Royal journey was made in the barge of the Commander-in-Chief, The Nore, with a launch of the Port of London Authority leading the procession and an escort of four motor torpedo-hoats.

The Thames has had little of pageantry in its recent history, and until yesterday there had not been since 1919 anything in the nature of a Royal progress along London's river. The people of London enjoyed the occasion. It was impressive rather than picturesque. Many who looked on at yesterday's procession remembered the grand old Royal barge, with its long searlet oars. It had given place to the severely practical barge of a modern navy.

With the change there had gone a great deal of the picturesqueness of river pageantry, but the swift relentless machine that had come on the scene was impressive in its efficiency and

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The Queen's House, probably the most gracious building on the Thames, was built by Inigo Jones to the order of James I for his consort Anne: it was completed by Charles I.

wonderful movement. Of the thousands of persons who looked across Westminster Bridge and over the embankment parapets few seemed able to realize that the King and his escort were out of sight in a few seconds. The modern age of mechanical transport seemed to have intruded into the traditions of

Thames pageantry with startling suddenness

Great crowds began to gather near Westminster Pier long before the King left Buckingham Palace. Along the pavement of Westminster Bridge people stood six and seven deep for more than two hours, and there was a similar press of people for a great

distance along the embankment. The upper windows of every building from which anything of this Royal journey could be seen were filled with persons looking down on the scene below. The crowds in the streets were reminded all the time of the approaching Coronation, with hawkers importuning them to "buy your colours — red, white and blue." or to buy a periscope for a shilling before it went up to half-a-crown in Coronation week. "Official programmes" had of course, sprung in great numbers from unofficial sources.

DRIVE TO THE QUEEN'S HOUSE

The Royal party disembarked at Greenwich College steps, opposite the broad avenue which divides the buildings of the Royal Naval College and runs back from the river to the Queen's House. The King and Queen and Princess Elizabeth, with those in attendance on them, drove to the Queen's House in motor

The route along King William Street and Romney Road was thickly lined with spectators, who greeted their Majesties with cheers and fluttering handkerchiefs. Queen Mary, who had come by road in advance, awaited them at the top of the steps leading to the broad terrace of the Queen's House.

THE TIMES TODAY

NEWS

Portillo and Heseltine vie for crown

■ Michael Heseltine and Michael Portillo emerged yesterday at the head of an eight-man field that will run for the Tory leadership if John Major goes down to heavy election defeat.

The Deputy Prime Minister's supporters say privately that he still has the energy and ambition to challenge for the ultimate office. They believe that his strong campaign performance, including an apparent shift towards the Eurosceptics, has helped his chances Pages 1, 7-11, 20, 21

Major struggles to lift Tory gloom

■ John Major tried to lift Tory gloom and Tony Blair warned his party against complacency as the prospect of a Labour landslide appeared to harden with only four days to polling. The Prime Minister will today launch a desperate rearguard attempt to stay on in officePage I

BA terrorist fears

British Airways customers hoping to fly home from Charles de Gaulle airport in Paris may find themselves being offered a Eurostar ticket instead. The airline is refusing to load hold luggage because of fears of terrorist

Fraud nets £8bn

West African fraudsters account for nearly half of Britain's annual £8 billion losses through fraud. according to a police intelligence ..Page 2

Women on board

Britain's premier rowing club, the Leander, voted by a "clear majority" to admit women members for the first time in its 179year historyPage 2

Pub murder hunt

Murder squad detectives have interviewed more than a hundred drinkers at a pub where the daughter of a judge was slashed to death minutes after last orders were called ...

Early harvest

An everyday story of prehistoric farming folk is emerging from the excavation of a site on the edge of the Lincolnshire fens Page 4

Sex education works

Sex education is effective in delaying first-time intercourse, encouraging use of condoms and reducing teenage pregnancy, the

Crippen sale

The gilt pocket watch that the murderer Dr Hawley Crippen bequeathed to his mistress just before he was hanged goes on sale this week....

The rabble sleeps

Twenty million pounds will have been spent, but the rabble has barely been roused. Nationally, the Referendum Party is clocking about 4 per cent in the opinion

..Page 9 Housing fraud claims The wife of President Mugabe of

Zimbabwe and members of his administration illegally borrowed millions of dollars from a housing finance scheme set up by a US aid programme, a court was

Cambodia in crisis

Cambodia is on the verge of civil war and is in danger of becoming an international beggar, the leader of the opposition says. Page 12 Zaire's 'final solution'

Aid organisations and the United Nations accused Zaire's rebels of attempting a slow extermination of Rwandan Hutu refugees in eastern Zaire

Doubts over Kohl

Helmut Kohl, who recently announced that he was ready to stand again as German Chancellor, has come under fire from a leading member of his Christian ...Page 5 Democratic Union Page 14

Cold Warriors spill vintage secrets

■ It was all jolly hush-hush in its time: a top-secret spy film made for training Secret Service recruits. Now it has been declassified for sale as a video. Some shops may be unsure whether to file it under nostalgia, drama or light entertainment. The 60-minute film, Persona Non Grata, was made



Fireworks light up the sky at the official opening of the Tsing Ma bridge in Hong Kong by Baroness Thatcher yesterday

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Secret code: Lose an arm and you'll never grow another one. That may seem obvious, but all the original genes which instructed the arm to grow are still there and, in theory, available for service. Nigel Hawkes reports on a genetic break-

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■ MUSIC MAN Return of a country legend: Johnny Cash brings his road show to the Albert Hall

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So much more could be done to counter child prostitution, says a leading QC

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Rugby union: A remarkable era in the history of English rugby has been brought to an end with the announcment that Will Carling is to retire from the internationalPage 25, 33. Cricket: The Sunday league season began with colour and razzma-

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Sceptical voters

Because of the convergence bordering on collusion which marks:the approach towards the single currency of the Labour and Tory leaderships it is important that voters. should have a proper chance to know what their individual candidates believe

Hands across ocean

Many spurious Anglo-American comparisons will be offered in the final days of campaigning but the fate of the New Democrats is still one that should preoccupy Mr Page 21 Blair ...

Dreaming minarets

If an Islamic renaissance, absorbing and synthesising modern learning and technology, is to enrich the religion's one billion adherents there are few more conducive cities than OxfordPage 21

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Most elections which change governments are, at the time, more to do with the past than the future. The electorate's verdict is usually conditional and looks significant later only if the direction of policy really changes Page 20

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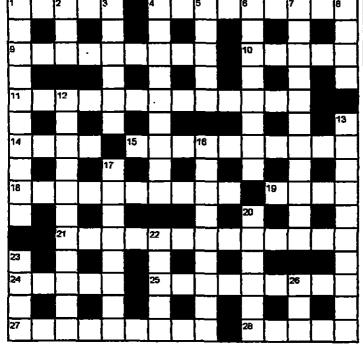
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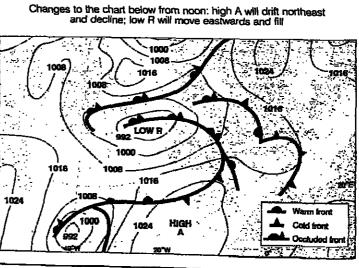
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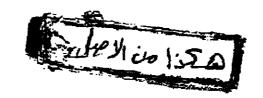


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WHO CHANGED THE COURSE OF ENGLISH RUGBY RETIFES







As a player and captain Will Carling flew the flag for England and was constantly in the limelight. For his last burrah in Cardiff it was fitting that Rob Andrew was again at his side



THE CARLING YEA First England cap in 10-9 defeat by France First match as ceptain, a 28-19 win over Australia at Twickenham

Wins first grand slam, defeat in World Cup final Honours on and off the pitch. Appointed OBE, wins second grand slam Leads England to

third grand slam Sacked and reinstated after "old farts" remark Stands down as captain after 59 matches in charge Makes 72nd and last appearance for England

A captain to rank with the best

enormous influence Will Carling had on the development of English rugby in an extraordinary decade. An era has ended with his retirement at the weekend from the international scene, one that began with England beating Australia in 1988, the first of Will's world record 59 appearances as captain. Everyone involved that day sensed something special, that a great

corner had been turned. The mid-Eighties had not been a happy time for England. When Geoff Cooke came along as coach at the start of 1988, things began to change. Those of us mentioned in terms of the captaincy - Brian

t is impossible to measure the Moore, Dean Richards and myself - were not in especially good form. Will was 22, fresh to the side, a powerful centre. Geoff chose him as his man to lead us, initially for three years. It was a bold move, one that Will himself could not quite believe, but which turned out to be

absolutely inspired. Not only had England never had a captain quite like him, they will not again. Will was not a naturalborn leader and not an "over-thetrenches" sort of captain. He grew into the role, sought advice and worked on creating the enormous team spirit within the 1991 side the height of England's powers. He made it his mission to talk at length **Rob Andrew**, the leader's right-hand man during a decade of tumultuous change, offers an assessment of the Carling years

with individual players. His communication skills and attention to detail were second to none. No England captain had spent the time he did creating the sense of the England team being almost a club

There would be notes to players. before or after a game, on what he expected of them or how they had performed. In 72 matches for England, I connot honestly think of one bad game by him. He always

led by example. He revelled in the tremendous highs and suffered the lows more than anyone. Losing out on the grand slam to Scotland in 1990 cut him up badly, which made the slams of 1991 and 1992 all the

Like myself, if Will could play one match over again, it would be the 1991 World Cup final, We should have beaten Australia that day at Twickenham. But it was also another remarkable turning point

for rugby union in England, and inevitably Will was at the heart of the change. Sweeping away the last vestiges of amateurism, demand-ing a better deal for the players and his "old farts" remark, Will influenced actions off the field as well as

As an England player he has actually spanned three eras: 1988 leading up to the successive grand slams; the grand slam of 1995 and fourth place in the World Cup in

South Africa the same year; and the transitional season just ended. When he stepped down as captain at the end of the 1996 season, there might have been the temotation to give up international rugby. The fact was that he was still far too good to stand down as a player.

Will played in the five nations' championship this year with a sense of freedom. What was there for him to prove? He plainly enjoyed his rugby, but he was clearly wrestling with the decision whether to retire. I mourn his departure from the international game but welcome his decision. It was the right one. Why should he put himself under that pressure

much? The England team that Will played in this season had changed so much, I did not realise how much myself, until the surprise call to me from Jack Rowell to join the squad for the last match in Wales. Although I felt like the spectre at the feast, it was a lovely, emotional moment to share in Jonathan Davies's last game for Wales and what I know now was Will's last appearance in an England shirt. There will never be another like Will, nor like his England 1991

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Hill's rapid descent clouding ITV's horizons

ccording to Murray Walker, "there are a lot Lof people who think the really begin until we get to Europe. Among them, I would imagine, are his bosses at ITV. This was what they had paid all those millions of pounds for - a Saturday Iunchtime assault on Grandstand, a splash and dash at teatime and then more than 212 hours of ratings-grabbing sport on Sunday afternoon. Now, if they could just do something about Damon Hill

Actually, the reality is that Hill's miserable run has made surprisingly little difference. The ITV coverage has been good enough and the racing competitive enough for it really not to matter. Nor are they allowing the ever-loyal Walker

failure. Over the weekend the longest we saw of the world champion was a 30-second appearance on the short tea-

Nor are the commercial

breaks anything like the irritant I expected them to be. although that is largely because the German-language version of RTL also carries Formula One live. Anyone equipped with a satellite dish can simply swap between the channels, just as we did when the BBC and Eurosport shared coverage. Only rarely do they take their breaks at the same time and yesterday it was the German channel that came off worse, advertising shower gel as Frentzen came out of the pits just ahead of Michael Schumacher. It probably ranks as high treason in

Quite what the ITV market-

ing team will do when it discovers that a proportion of its ABCI audience is zapping through the commercial breaks remains to be seen, but

as good as a moderately exciting race will allow. Apart from sighting a rare blue Ferrari at one point, Walker recovered well from the nightmare of his Argentina practice session and seems to have reached a good under-

the production team is doing a

good enough job to ensure that

even the most bilingual return

swiftly. Yesterday was about

MATTHEW BOND TV ACTION REPLAY

> standing with the ever more impressive Martin Brundle. Basically, whatever Brundle has quietly observed. Walker shouts about ten seconds later. That, though, is nothing to

> the way he shouts when somebody else is talking while something exciting happens on the track. Yesterday, it was the turn of the enthusiastic but sporadically inaccurate James Allen to suffer. As the pit-lane reporter did a perfectly competent job of interviewing the newly retired Hill, Panis suddenly dropped two places.

have been faded right down. but his anguished cries were still audible.

If the ITV coverage has a star, it is Brundle. His command of the monitors and the electronic timing data, coupled with his recent experience of race tactics, make some of those who have occupied the co-commentator seat sound distinctly amateur. Both practice and the race

were topped and tailed by the increasingly polished triumvi-rate of Jim Rosenthal, Tony Jardine and Simon Taylor. Jardine and Taylor could talk motor racing until the Minardis come home, but when the red light comes on

they do a first-class job. One thing notable by its absence from the ITV coverage is archive material, an omission which suggests that the BBC is still smarting from its loss. If it is, it is not smarting badly enough to stop it asking Walker back to commentate on the British touring car championship.

So it was that, one hour after Villeneuve had claimed pole position at Imola on Saturday. Walker was back at Silverstone commentating on rounds three and four for Grandstand. This had less to do with the miracle of television than the fact that the races had taken place almost a week earlier.

The Grandstand editors worked hard to turn hindsight into an advantage, with good use of the on-board cameras and even better use of the onboard microphones, but the fact remains that the live coverage that the BBC has planned for later in the season cannot come soon enough.

Nerurkar leads world challenge

RICHARD NERURKAR, the leading British finisher in the Flora London Marathon men's race two weeks ago, has accepted selection for the world championships in Athens from August 1 to 10 (David Powell writes). After moving up to third on the all-time Great Britain rankings, with 2hr 08min 36sec, in London, finishing fifth, Nerurkar said that he wanted to gauge his recovery before deciding on competing in Athens. Bruce Tulloh, Nerurkar's coach, said yesterday that his athlete felt physically and mentally able to prepare for another big challenge. Nerurkar had been preselected, as had Liz McColgan, who declined. The full squad was announced yesterday.

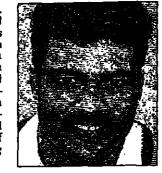
GREAT BRITAIN: Man: S Brooks, D Buzza, R Nerurkar, D Riscon, P Whatehead, Res M Flint, Women: S Goldsmith, C Humler-Rome, A Mair, D Sanderson,

Harlow harvests title

BOWLS: Greg Harlow, a Cambridgeshire bricklayer, ranked No 7 in the English list, came through a strong field to win the Churchill Insurance English Bowls Players Association national singles title at Wellingborough yesterday. Harlow opened with a 7-1, 7-0 win over Steve Pearce, of Stour Vale. He then dismissed David Ward, from North Walsham, an England skip 7-2, 7-2, before claiming his place in the final with a 7-2, 7-3 victory over Mike Bennett of Newcastle. In the final Harlow was given a stiff Bennett, of Newcastle. In the final, Harlow was given a stiff examination in the first set by Les Gillett, of Banbury, before

Ijaz suffers pay cut

CRICKET: Ijaz Ahmed, right, of Pakistan, was fined 20 per cent of his match fees by John Reid, the match referee, for abusing Arjuna Ranatunga, the Sri Lanka captain, during the second Test in Colombo on Saturday. Reid also put Ijaz on a ing on July I. and he will lose 30 per cent of his fees if found guilty of breaching the code of conduct again.



Kite flies to share lead

GOLF: Tom Kite, looking for his first US PGA Tour win since 1993, returned a score of 67, five under par. in the third round to keep a share of the lead in the Greater Greensboro Classic in North Carolina. Kite was joined on 202, 14 under, by Brad Faxon, who hit a 65. The pair were three strokes ahead of Ernie Els, Jerry Kelly, Kirk Triplett and Robert

Win for Scottish raider

CYCLING: Richard Moore, who makes only occasional forays to English road racing from his Edinburgh home, outwitted all the country's elite riders yesterday to win the third and final stage of the Procam Classic two-day event based at Beverley. Moore, 23. escaped with Paul Manning, Great Britain's under-23 road champion. five miles from the finish and they just held their advantage to the line.

Mason leads way

GYMNASTICS: Lisa Mason, of Huntingdon, the British champion, led Great Britain to victory over Holland and Switzerland in the junior triangular tournament at the Spectrum, Guildford, on Saturday. Mason, who defends her British title in two weeks, scored 35.262pts, faltering only on bars for 8.1pts. Her vault was awarded 9.037pts, followed by 8.8pts on beam. She finished with 9.325pts on the floor.

Foreman proves point

BOXING: George Foreman, right, the former world heavyweight champion, won a split decision over Lou Savarese in Atlantic City on Saturday. After a brutal bout, in which Savarese was penalised a point for a low blow, Foreman, 48, said: "I don't understand how he stood up with the shots I was hitting him with. I don't know where he got the strength."



Stearn leads the way

LACROSSE: Di Stearn, the England captain, scored four goals to get her team away to a flying start with a 10-4 victory over Canada in the fifth women's World Cup in Tokyo. There was also a shock result when Australia beat the United States 6-4. In the third game, a 9-6 victory over Japan by Wales set alarm bells ringing as a strong Wales team was expected to win by a wider margin.

Kiraly strikes gold

FENCING: Hajnalka Kiraly, of Hungary, defeated Taymi Chappe, the leading Spanish fencer. 15-7 to take the gold medal in the Ipswich Cup yesterday. The event was the British round of the women's epée World Cup and Counts for international rankings. Charlotte Brown, the British No 3. was fifteenth, well abead of Georgina Usher, the national champion, who finished 32nd.



MOTOR RACING: PROBLEMS PILE UP FOR HILL AS HIS SUCCESSOR AT WILLIAMS RECORDS FIRST VICTORY

Slick Frentzen proves his pedigree

THE merest hint of a smile creased Heinz-Harald Frentzen's face as he managed a desultory wave to the crowds gathered at his feet. He seemed strangely self-con-scious, notably ill at ease. Success as significant as his victory in the San Marino Grand Prix yesterday can take some getting used to.

Eventually, when the anthems had been completed, he took off his ubiquitous sponsor's baseball cap, closed his eyes and poured champagne over his head. He could not remember the last time that he had won a race, but amnesia is infinitely preferable to the indignities being endured by Damon Hill, the man whom he replaced at Williams.

The rituals of the podium. where Michael Schumacher and Eddie Irvine, the Ferrari team-mates, flanked Frentzen, are comfortingly familiar to Hill, the world champion. who, for the first time, showed signs of succumbing to the frustrations of life in Formula One's equivalent of cardboard

Hill has yet to finish a race for TWR Arrows. A chapter of calamities here ended on lap 12, when he ploughed into the Prost of Shinji Nakano, the latest Japanese driver to be conspicuous for the depth of his budget rather than the

"We need to get our act together," Hill said after watching Frentzen maintain a four-second margin over Schumacher in another sterile race dominated by pit-stop strategy. It is his turn to emulate the softly-spoken German and summon the depth of character to ignore the cynics.

There was a depressing inevitability about the campaign of character assassination, launched by Frentzen's failure to collect a point in the first three races. Allegations that he lacks the nerve to make the most of the sport's most prized opportunity were put into perspective by his refreshingly innocent response to his

prix. This is like oil on my soul," he said, choosing his words carefully but still struggling to invest his improving English with the emotions of the moment. "I tell you, this is fantastic, a great feeling. It was my time today."

His team was determined to leave nothing to chance once the threat of rain complicated the agenda. After a wet warmup session, a milky sun struggled through high clouds and triggered an elaborate guessing game. Williams, searching for a fractional advantage. sent staff down the nearby Autostrada to report on localised weather conditions and consulted its satellite predic-Williams opted for slick

tyres and were suitably grateful that, for the first time this season, there was no carnage at the first corner. Jacques Villenueve was quickest away, his smoking tyres proof of his determination to be the latest to brake into the Tamburello Schumacher outsprinted Frentzen to claim second, a position that he was to maintain until the pivotal first round of pit stops.

Hill, forced to start from the pit lane when his Arrows sprang an oil leak on the grid, lumbered around in last place, an experience that he "did not quicker than the mediocrities in front of him, but, on the type of modern track where overtaking is difficult, he was in the invidious position of hav-ing to take risks.

Matters came to a head after he passed Ukyo Katayama, only to be blocked by Nakano, who spun into Hill's path when Hill nudged him on the entry to the Variante Bassa complex just before the main straight. The resultant collision was violent and inev-

itably terminal. "I touched him, all right," Hill said, with a self-deprecating chuckle. "I T-boned him. I didn't want to waste any time and I was fully committed to



could find them. It was always Irvine to a podium place. could take Nakano, and it just

didn't work out." Johnny Herbert's hundredth grand prix ended soon after, when his Sauber coasted to a halt with electrical failure. He was fourth at the time, a distant pursuer of Schumacher and the Williams pair. whose positions were reversed after the first pit stops, on laps

Frentzen emerged to find Schumacher in his slipstream, but had the discipline to resist the charge and build a decisive advantage. Villenueve, dropped to third, became an increasingly peripheral figure before gearbox failure prompted his retirement at the

taking chances wherever I end of lap 41 and promoted

Frentzen's temperament. He could not afford to be consumed by worries that, as in Melbourne, he would be robbed by brake failure. He had also to cope with the unaccustomed challenge of leading a race. "It is a different discipline," he said. "Instead of being the hunter, you are the prey; but I am becoming used to pressure. That comes with replacing a world champion, in the best team."

Hill would love some of that strain. His wretched day was completed when a suspended one-race ban was imposed for his part in the Nakano incident. As the song says, things can only get better.

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GOLF

James gets back on track

FROM MEL WEBB IN MADRID

THE Gunslinger took on the Great White Shark and blew him out of the water, but the big fish took a long time in the sinking. Mark James took Greg Norman to a sudden-death play-off for the Spanish Open title at La Moraleja II yesterday, but had to wait until the third extra hole before he claimed his eighteenth PGA European Tour victory after they had tied on 277, Il under par.

James, who bears with characteristic stoicism the harmless but unoriginal sobriquet of "Jesse", had played tag with Norman throughout a hot and sticky Madrid afternoon. They were in different matches -Norman, the overnight leader, was in the last group immediately behind James - but it did little to detract from the match-play atmosphere that pervaded the end game of a tactical battle.

Once, twice, three times both men had the chance to take a grip on the tournament. and every time something happened to prevent them from doing so. The prize at stake was £85,000 but there was something more than

mere money in it. For James, victory meant that a calamitous 1996, in which he plunged to 116th in the European money-list, could be consigned to the trash can of his memory while setting him on his way to a belated attempt to earn his eighth Ryder Cup appearance. a stroke adrift, had a birdie on His first win for more than the 8th to move ahead by a

two years elevated him to eighteenth in the Cup points list and could be the catalyst for a typical push for a place among the elite 12; there are few players more dangerous in a Ryder Cup year.

Norman, meanwhile, must have had the memory of another play-off defeat on the European circuit this year on his mind - he was beaten in the Dubai Desert Classic early last month by Richard Green,

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his compatriot. The Australian's record in play-offs was not good - won five, lost ten in Europe and the United States. Now it is a fraction worse.

The golf on this final day counter-blow that James and Norman slung at each other.

James, who started the day

was a switchback affair, but both regulation play and extra time more than made up for that with the blow and

stroke on ten under and improved that with another birdie on the 11th, but Norman sank an outrageous putt from off the green for an eagle three

level again, The most important hole of the closing stages was the par-five 16th, the last clear-cut birdie opportunity. James laid up then hit a wedge to five feet and made the birdie putt. Oddly. Norman chose to lay up when the green was within his range, could get no closer

at the same hole to put him

than 20 feet and missed. James, leading by one, had pars at the last two holes for a 69, and must have left that he was sale when Norman left himself 25 feet from the pin with his third shot on the last. He should have known better, a typically exotic putt from 25 feer putting Norman in the play-off with a 70.

Twice each the two made a mess of things on the first two extra holes, twice each they got away with it, but victory and defeat were sealed when Norman committed one error too many on the short 17th. He came up short of the green: James was short and right but

on the putting surface. Norman chipped; 12 feet short. Terrible. James puned from 40 feet; three feet wide. Much better. Norman missed a right-to-left outt on the high side and James put the tournament quietly to rest. It was only a tiny putt; in the context in which it was played, it was

HOCKEY

Chelmsford back in the big time

By Sydney Friskin

CHELMSFORD and Hampstead and Westminster regained their places in the National League after finishing on top of their respective pools in the Inter-League play-offs that ended at Milton Keynes yesterday (Sydney Friskin writes).

The result was foreshadowed on Saturday when both clubs consolidated their positions with emphatic victories. Chelmsford beating City of Portsmouth 3-0 and Hampstead easily defeating Edgbaston 3-1.

Loughborough Students and Edgbaston, the runnersup in each of the two pools, return to Milton Keynes on Saturday to play off for the remaining place in the first division.

Yesterday, Chelmsford routed Robinsons 41 in pool A. with Cullen scoring twice from open play. Van Dijk also scored twice as Hampstead completed an emphatic 3-1 win against Anchorians in pool B.

At other venues, Reading the holders, and Teddington qualified for the Hockey Association Cup final to be played at Milton Keynes on May 11. ☐ Gloucestershire are the women's county champions after defeating Dorset 4-0 in the final at Old Loughtonians. Gloucestershire had previously lost the 1977 and 1983 finals.

TABLE TENNIS

Prean prospers as **England advance**

By RICHARD EATON

A FINE Saturday for Carl Prean helped England's men to earn a place in the last 32 of the 112-nation world championships in Manchester yesterday. Encouraging victories over Russia, the Czech Republie and, on Saturday, Hungary, which placed England third in their group at the end of stage one, were only partially offset by the disappoint-ments of a 3-2 loss to Japan on Saturday and the 3-1 defeat to France yesterday which ended their chances of moving directly to the quarter-finals by winning the group. Prean proved a lot of people

Simon Barnes .. Results ...

wrong. Written off as past his best, he came up with three wins, with the one against the fluent top spin attacker Zsoltan Varga, being vital, because it put his country on the way to the 3-1 success against Hungary. Prean's two wins against Kiyonobu Iwasaki and Hiroshi Shibutani of Japan, deserved greater reward, but by Saturday night Matthew Syed, the hero of the win over Russia,

was already tiring. By yesterday the hard working English national and Commonwealth champion was nearly exhausted and

could make little of the former world champion Jean-Philippe Gatien, whom Syed has confounded several times in

the past with his defensive spins. "Matt has to improve his fitness," said England coach Soren Ahlen, who was piloting the Swedes to three European gold medals less than a year ago. The English players lack proper training and practice and this must be improved before we can do better," he added. It left England in the same

quarter as Sweden, the former world champions, who were given a nasty shock by the second stage draw after losing unexpectedly 3-2 to Belgium and finishing second in their group. If they are to win the title back from the Chinese they will now have to play their great rivals in the quarter-finals, not the final. They also have the added complication that the legendary Jan-Ove Waldner, the former world and Olympic champion, is struggling to find any-

thing like his best form.

Meanwhile England
women, who finished fifth out of six in their group, eased their relegation fears by beating the United Stated 3-2 in the second stage. A crucial victory was provided by Helen Lower, who saved a match point before winning 20-22, 23-21, 21-15 against the China-born Virginia Sung.

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Celtic rivals queue up to challenge Hendry's pursuit of his seventh world title

Morgan finds the strength to foil perfection

ack stage at the Crucible Theatre, the the waistcoat unbuttoned, it is a time to release the pent-up emotions created in the Embassy world snooker championship, where an old parlour game is transformed into the theatre of millionaires.

On Saturday lunchtime Darren Morgan, a self-confessed "underachiever" in that he has earned a mere £730,000 in nine years on the green buize circuit, is in tears. He had held his game together. shown only the merest flicker of fear that once again he might not achieve, and then put Ronnie O'Sullivan out of the 1997 event.

He had earned this victory, ground it out through technical brilliance of his own allied to a far more mature, more manly hold on the tactical aspects of a 25-frame, fivehour 49-minute contest. He had eclipsed "perfection", for that is what O'Sullivan achieved in his five-minute maximum 147 break in the previous round

However, facing the press in the dungeon-like dressingrooms below stairs, Morgan's eyes became suddenly opaque, followed by the tears.

Later, given time to compose himself, he returned to explain. The question, asking why he had previously declared his season prematurely over, had intruded on his private grief. Morgan's mother, Cynthia, had insisted he lead the Wales team to Bangkok in November, and she had died of cancer while he was abroad. Morgan had tak-

en weeks to come to terms with it, had shut himself away in his house, pretending to his father and to all visitors, that he was practising. "Instead," he confessed on Saturday, "I was doing nothing, just sitting in the chair. Snooker, to tell you the truth, didn't mean very much to me, until I came to terms with the fact that, no matter how much you mope,

now, I hope she is smiling." Morgan, the snooker play-er, had risen from the loneliness of the chair in the Crucible and not allowed himself to be daunted by the natural ability of his opponent, nor the ill-luck which had seemed to visit him. Indeed, his moment of truth came two frames before the end when, having potted a long black to equal the score at 61 each, O'Sullivan won the toss of the coin and asked him to take first shot at the

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respotted black. "I had made up my mind **ROB HUGHES**



At the Crucible

that if I lost that toss. I was going to go for the double," Morgan said. He did, hitting the black on the full, sending it off the top cushion cleanly back the length of the table and into the left corner pocket at the balk end.

Should Morgan win the championship, and he asserts that at last he has that belief in himself, he will join seven men in this tournament who have won £1 million in prize-money alone; quadruple that, and you have a rough idea of the sums of money that seemingly ordinary people, who would claim neither colossal intellect, nor exceptional athleticism, can accrue through the pursuit of excellence in this sport

'The art of winning in this arena is to be dispassionate'

If Sheffield is the crucible, then the cradle of snooker now belongs heavily to the Celts. Stephen Hendry, the Scot who has dominated the 1990s, losing here only once in seven years, looks so economical. He seems never to engage full power, either of his game or his emotions. His pursuers include a second Scot, John Higgins, potentially three young Lee Walker and possibly Dominic Dale, an Irishman, Ken Doherty, a French Canadian, Alain Robidoux,

and a Thai. James Wattana. There is only one place assured in the quarter-finals for an Englishman, the winner between Anthony Hamilton, from Nottingham, and John Parrott, the Liverpudlian who, alone, has interrupted Hendry's clean sweep of the

Mind you, Steve Davis; the champion of the previous decade, has not yet accepted his decline in the arena of 900

to the hall with his programmed smile, his body in his fortieth year still lean and honed, his ambition to beat Hendry to the record of seven Crucible victories. Alas, Doherty, his Dublin opponent, displays no reverence for the 1980s, treating Davis like an old video, to be discarded.

The art of winning in this arena is to be dispassionate, to suppress doubts and emotions. Indeed, there are robots around. As the players keep their composure and their calm, two BBC cameras per table circle around them. like silent daleks.

A cough from the crowd is alien, a distraction to concentration; yet the machines of new technology, containing the lens through which the players become millionaires. are not only tolerated, their existence is blanked out.

This much was obvious on Saturday when the temperament of Morgan overcame the talent of O'Sullivan. Three times in the space of a few moments, Morgan laid snookers for O'Sullivan. Three times the younger, arguably most gifted player, lost his rhythm and his powers of persuasion over the balls. Three times he missed, three times he fouled the smoothest mover around the tables was reduced to a perplexed individual. O'Sullivan complimented

Morgan handsomely after the beating. Morgan thanked Lee Walker, at 21. nine years his junior. but a player from the same Red Dragon club in Crosskeys, in Wales. Walker had won less

than £300 as a professionbefore increasing that by £31,500 by reaching the quarter-finals at the weekend. "We support one another," Morgan said, "but it was Lee who said to me that if I had a head on my shoulders, 1'd have been world champion a long time ago. I haven't believed, but I am just starting to think that it is my time."

As he spoke, O'Sullivan left the hips, as slender and as rhythmic as a matador's, had lost a little of its arrogance. He was going home, with a bonus of £147,000, £1,000 a point for his five minutes of perfection and he neither seemed to see nor hear the groupies who waited for him by the back door. One or two of them had mascara running down their cheeks; it was hard to tell whether that was because of Sheffield's rain, or more tears, shed because the pin-up boy had been put in his place by the underachiever from the valleys.



Higgins makes quiet progress

By PHIL YATES

JOHN HIGGINS, basking in relative anonymity, took a significant step towards the quarter-finals of the Embassy world championship in Sheffield yesterday by impressivelv establishing a 6-2 lead over Dominic Dale.

piled three century breaks during a first-round win over Graham Horne yet received none of the attention afforded Stephen Hendry or Ronnie O'Sullivan in the first week of the event, again scored heavily. Although Dale, one of a number of snooker's supporting cast to make a refreshing impact at the tournament, shared the opening two frames, Higgins, renowned as a formidable scorer, then reeled off the next five thanks to runs of 85, 91, 77, 78 and 46. Even though Dale partially repaired the damage by

accounting for the last frame of the session, Higgins holds a healthy advantage entering the final stages of the best-of-25-frame match today. The outcome of the James

Wattana v Stephen Lee encounter is much more difficult. to predict. After the firing of the opening salvos. Wattana overnight, a fair reflection of the way that an entertaining session had proceeded. Wattana moved 3-1 ahead with a run of 112, but Lee made it 3-3 before losing the seventh frame in an extraordinary

Wattana, from Thailand, who had required two snookers on the last red, laid both on the green and eventually stole the frame with fine pots on blue, pink and black. However, Wattana missed a simple yellow off its spot in the next frame and Lee was back on level terms

DETAILS

RESULTS: Second round (best of 25 trames): D Morgan (Wales) bit R O'Sullivan (Eng) 13-12. S Hendry (Scor) bit M Williams (Wales) 13-8; A Robedoux (Can) bit S Mazrocia (Eng) 13-9; K Doheny (Ire) leads S Davis (Eng) 6-2; J Panoti (Eng) lovel with A Hamilton (Eng) 4-4; J Higgins (Scot) leads D Dale (Wales) 6-2, S Lee (Eng) level with J Wattons (Tha) 4-4

William Hill, the onsight bookmaker, clearly believes that the name of Stephen Hendry will be engraved on the trophy for the seventh time in eight years. Reacting swiftly to Hendry's 13-8 victory over Mark Williams on Saurday not to mention Darren Morgan's unexpected 13-12 win over Ronnie O'Sullivan, they have installed Hendry at 2-1 on to collect the trophy.

Morgan performed admirably to remove the threat of O'Sullivan, while Hendry

committed by Williams in the latter stages of an encounter that did not live up to expectations, but, nevertheless, Hendry will be a prohibitively short-priced favourite to overcome Morgan in the quarterfinals. He has prevailed in 14 of their 15 career meetings, uding two victories this season, one of which was a desperate 9-8 defeat of Morgan, on the black, in the final the Benson and Hedges

Irish Masters last month. Steve Davis, like Hendry. attempting to win the game's most coveted title for the seventh time, needed to produce one of his famed rearguard actions against Ken Doherty in the middle session of their second round contest last night. Doherty began play leading 6-2 after highlighting a high-quality performance on Saturday with two century breaks.

TENNIS

Rios ends **Spanish** dominance on clay

MARCELO RIOS, of Chile, ended the Spanish dominance on clay so far this season when he beat Alex Corretja in straight sets to win the Monte Carlo Open yesterday, Rios, 21, from Chile, was seeded seventh and crushed the Span-iard 6-4, 6-3, 6-3 in a one-sided match for the fourth, and most impressive victory, of his ATP

"I played well and had a great time in Monte Carlo all week - even if I lost some money at the casino." Rios said. As well as defeating Corretia, winner in Estoril two weeks ago, he had disposed of Albert Costa, another Spaniard and the winner of the European season's second clay-court tournament in Barcelona last week.

A semi-finalist here last year, Rios confirmed that he would again be one of the players to watch on the slow surfaces after a lacklustre hard-court season. A versatile player, as comfortable at the baseline as at the net the Chilean mastered the windy conditions far better than Corretja, seeded No 12. who looked tired and made too many unforced errors.

The most fiercely contested game of the match was the last, in which Corretia saved four match-points. The third match-point saw the Spaniard return two smashes before forcing Rios to push a volley into the ner. But Corretja had left his fightback far too late.

He had also saved two setpoints in the first set before losing it in 43 minutes and Rios comfortably won a dull second set. Corretia fought harder at the beginning of the third set, but Rios, hitting punishing forehands on the important points, was far too

His task had been made easier by the early defeats of Pete Sampras, Thomas Muster and Yevgeny Kafelnikov, the top seeds, but Rios will now fancy his chances in the French Open next month.



Rios: versatile player

FOOTBALL

FA acts on Chelsea **Cup tickets**

BY JOHN GOODBODY

CHELSEA and the Football Association were involved in a dispute yesterday over the Premiership club's plans to offer FA Cup Final tickets as part of E500 hospitality packages.

The governing body has warned Ken Bates, the controversial Chelsea chairman, that the club can only sell tickets direct to the public for the game against Middlesbrough at Wembley on May 17.

Steve Double, the FA spokesman said: "We have advised them (Chelsea) that they are not allowed to sell corporate hospitality packages, including a Cup Final

The only organisation allowed packages is the FA which uses Wembley's catering facilities. The money raised is put back into the grassroots of the game.

Chelsea has advertised a package. This includes a reception at Stamford Bridge, lunch with celebrity speakers, a coach trip to Wembley, a ticket and then return transport to the club's ground for more refreshments while watching a video game. The cost: £495, plus VAT.

The News of the World claimed yesterday that Chelsea supporters could buy £35 seats for the game if they bought £500 worth of shares in the Chelsea Pitch Owners organisation (CPO), which has been set up to buy the site at Stamford Bridge,

alleging that the tickets had come from a few club directors Steve Frankham, the CPO

RUGBY LEAGUE

Newlove power propels St Helens

St Helens 42 Castleford Tigers 16

By a CORRESPONDENT

ST HELENS warmed up for Wembley and Saturday's Silk Cut Challenge Cup final against Bradford with a com-fortable win at Antield yesterday.

They saw off the stop-go challenge of bottom club Castleford by running in seven tries, pausing only to stem the spirited Tigers' comeback early in the second half.

Hammond led the way with three tries which earned him the man-of-the-match award but there were several other candidates. including Newlove, who scored two

It was Newlove's strength and power that caused Castleford all their early prob-lems and, although the Tigers lacked nothing in their enthusiasm to impress new coach Stuart Raper, they were clearly a team lacking the confidence that a first win of the season would bring.

After taking an early lead with an Orr penalty. Castleford were forced on to the back foot by the strength of Newlove and Pereline and the guile of Goulding.

Even allowing for a series of handling errors. St Helens managed to run in three first half tries to take command. Castleford were reduced to 12 men when Tuuta was sent to the sinbin for speaking our of turn and the Tigers were made to pay in the 24th minute, Newlove doing the damage after Goulding had

created the opening.

Pereline presented

mond with the opportunity for his first try - again after Newlove's power had forced Castleford's defence to work overtime. Newlove was a constant

threat and could not be stopped in the 38th minute when he crossed for his second try. He was, however, stopped on the stroke of half-time but illegally - and Goulding punished Castleford with his third goal.

Martyn increased Saints lead before two tries in three minutes from Vowles and Middleton brought signs of a Castleford revival. Sadly, the comeback died

almost before it could take shape and Prescott ran through a retreating defence to stir St Helens back into life. Hammond, an ardent Liverpool supporter, crossed twice young stand-off, gave the Tigers some comfort with a late

St Helens will be returning to Anfield next season following what they describe as a 'moderate success". David Howes, their chief executive, said: "We have the facility to come back to play another game next season and we will be doing that. I estimate there were approximately 2,500 neutrals in the crowd this aftermoon."

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SQUASH

England's second string deliver trophy

By COLIN MCQUILLAN

ENGLAND'S decision to send their second men's team to the European championships in Odense. Denmark. provided one of the more extended finals late into Saturday evening, but scarcely

one of the most exciting. Without their top four players, who won the world team championship in Cairo 18 months ago. England defeated Wales 40. The final finished with a dead rubber between Paul Johnson and David Evans, the second strings, the two most closely matched players, long after most

of the audience had left. Led by Mark Cairns, the British national champion, with Stephen Meads and Nick Taylor in the lower order for the final and Danny Meddings as reserve, England delivered their 22nd title in 25 years of men's European competition, to match the women's twentieth successive

victory on Friday. Compared with the authority of the world championship men in 1995, and the opportunism which marked England's unexpected seizure of the world junior men's title last year, however, this was a workmanlike affair that will be noted more for the first appearance in a

European final by Wales. Taylor set England off well enough with a 33-minute 9-1, 9-1, 9-0 demolition of Matthew Benjamin, but Meads was bogged down for 64 minutes in stifling the enterprise of Gareth Davies, 10-9, 9-5, 9-7. Cairns needed 108 minutes to out-last the inventiveness of Alex Gough 9-3, 8-10, 3-9, 9-4, 9-6, whom he had dispatched with far greater efficiency in the British

national final last January.
It was not a sparkling final," Stuart Courtney, the England team manager. acknowledged, "but there are many sound reasons for giving this international experience to the second rank of a very

good English generation. They did the job. We came here to win. not to entertain the rest of AMERICAN FOOTBALL

Monarchs found wanting

BY RICHARD WETHERELL

ANOTHER heavy defeat this time a 34-6 drubbing at the hands of Amsterdam Admirals -- leaves London Monarchs in some disarray. Al Luginbill, the Admirals coach, said before the game on Saturday that his side was not good enough to win the World League "yet", so where that leaves London is not something that Lionel Taylor. his counterpart, would prefer to consider. His summary succinct. "We were killed." he said. Both sides now have a 1-2 record.

The Monarchs were unable to score a touchdown and, in their three games so far, they have totalled only 26 points. London's points in Amsterdam came from two field goals by Don Silvestri. 'We didn't beat ourselves, we were beaten by a good

team, but time and again we made crucial mistakes," Taylor said. "We have a big responsibility to turn things around for our next home The Monarchs must beat

Barcelona Dragons next week if they are to have a chance of finishing with the best record at the halfway stage and, thus. hosting the World Bowl. They were helped somewhat when Frankfurt Galaxy defeated the previously unbeaten

Dragons 17-10 on Saturday. Rhein Fire proved too hot for the Scottish Claymores, who lost 23-10 at Murrayfield yesterday - their second successive home defeat.

SAILING

Admiral's Cup duo suffer double blow

BY EDWARD GORMAN

JOHN MERRICKS and lan Walker's preparations for the Admiral's Cup this summer have been severely disrupted by a freighting error, which sent their Mumm 36 to Italy instead of Hamble, during which both the boat's masts were smashed. Merricks and Walker got their first taste of Bradamante,

the Mumm 36, that they will sail for Great Britain at Key West and the SORC in Florida in January and February. The plan was to ship the boat back to Hamble for extensive work and training, before the Mumm 36 world championships in Punta Ala, Italy, at the beginning of June. However, because of an

unexplained mix-up. Bradamante was delivered to Italy at the end of the SORC while the Italian boat, which was also out in Florida, was sent to Hamble. The new mast, built for Merricks by Sparcraft, was destroyed, together with the older one.

Yesterday, Merricks was unsure whether a new mast could be made in time for Punta Ala. He has resigned himself to missing out on his boat until the last week of May but he is understandably frustrated that his carefully-laid plans have been turned into

The boat was supposed to be coming back for optimisation on the hull and keel and for sail measurement and we can't do any of that now," he said. "We are also missing a week of offshore

training. It's just the aggrava tion of not having the boat back; I suppose it's a good introduction to big boat sail-

ing," he added ironically.
The mix-up is particularly uniortunate because Metricks and Walker need as much time in their boat as possible in order to make the difficult transition from seven years of 470-sailing to keelboats and the very different challenges of Admiral's Cup racing. They started indifferently at Key West but showed definite improvement at the SORC a month later.

In the meantime, Merricks has finalised his crew. With Walker on tactics, it consists of Tim Barrett — the owner of the boat — in the pit; James Stagg as bowman; Andy Hemmings trimming; Simon Fry tailing and trimming; Gerard Mitchell on mainsheet; and David Howlett as navigator. Like the other two crews in

the British team. Merricks has yet to find any sponsorship to help offset the significant com-mitments by Graham Walker and Tony Buckingham, who are underwriting the costs of the British team. Attempts to find an overall team sponsor by Glyn Charles have so far come to nothing, so Merricks and Walker have started their own eleventh hour attempt to find £60,000 for the Mumm. Merricks and Walker finished fourth overall at Hyeres in France last week in a 470. ahead of Dimitry Berezkin, of

Braslavets, of Russia.

The newspaper quoted an

who "have bassed a few on". chairman, is reported to have the Ukraine, and Eugeny said that the arrangement had been cleared by the FA.

Barnsley savours champagne moment

Barnsley Bradford City....

By MARK HODKINSON

THEY were still dancing in the stands, their feet tapping out a broken rhythm that reverberated above the dressing-room area. These places, the inner sanctums of football clubs, are a world of their own. Ladies carry tea urns and shuffle past young men in tracksuits: directors wearing thick overcoats head to their private bar; the smell of linament meanders through

On Saturday, at Oakwell, this pungent aroma was sweetened by that of champagne. Every other person who walked by carried a bottle and a smile to match its sweetness. Finally, Danny Wilson, the Barnsley manager, appeared. Resplendent in a blazer and tie, he leaned against the polished wood panelling. Above him was a notice: "Football boots must not be worn beyond this

Wilson has honest brown eyes and a confident but genial manner. His team, cut from the rough stone of free-transfer players, local boys made good and the odd import, had just secured promotion to the FA Carling Premiership. Surrounded by notebooks, he seemed unaware of the magnitude of the moment.

He talked of team spirit and loyalty, camaraderie and wisdom. There was a dignity about his politeness and patience as the world thundered in joy around him. "They have been very good to me at this club," he said. "We believed that we could go up and there has been a good spirit all

It may take some time. perhaps years, before Wilson can articulate the significance of Barnsley's achievement. By virtue of assembling a successful team in a provincial Yorkshire town, he has become the

champion of the underdog. The heart of every supporter of every small-town club will have skipped a beat.

Oakwell was busy two hours before kick-off. Supporters without tickets held up pieces of paper on which they had written messages like "Loyal fan, ticket wanted". The drizzle caused the ink to

wash across the paper.
The Bradford City team coach arrived and, benevolent to the end, a Barnsley supporter shouted to the players as they alighted: Tha's going down, yer knows." Dickie Bird, the former Test umpire and a Barnsley follower for 56 years, gave the first of scores of interviews beneath a huge umbrella.

Several supporters milled around in sombreros, wearing painted-on, drooping moustaches - Barnsley's style of play has been compared to Brazil's, hence the South American theme. "It's just like watching Brazil," the supporters' anthem, was blasted out. It features a rap segment over which the phrase Barnsley Football Club" is repeated with odd menace. It seemed more than vaguely incongruous ... just like Barnsley playing Manchester United or Arsenal in the Premiership.

The players, much to their credit, were remarkably unperturbed by the commotion and provided a fine game. Wilkinson headed bravely past Davison in the 21st minute and thereafter the game flowed from end to end, with plenty of scoring opportunities. Marcelle, a substitute, guaranteed the win, and promotion, after a mazy run through the Bradford defence with three minutes remaining.

Stewards and police tried desperately to keep supporters off the pitch, but their ranks were broken soon after the final whistle. When a team has waited 110 years to make the country's top division, there is inevitably going to be some

They sang to the rain,



Wilkinson salutes the goal that put Barnsley one step nearer to a coveted place in the FA Carling Premiership

UPS AND DOWNS

FIRST DIVISION: Champions: Bolto Wanderers, Promoted: Bernsley Play-offs: Ipswich Town, Wolverhampton Wanderers, Sheffield United and Crystal Palace. Relegated; Southend United and Palace. Relegated: Southend United by from Oldham Althetic, Bradio and Grimsby Town.

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SECOND DIVISION: Promoted: Bury and either Stockport County or Luton Town. Play-offs: Stockport or Luton and Brentford and two from Crewe Alexandra, Bristol City, Bleckpool, Walsalf and Chesterfield. Flelegated: Rothertham United, Notis County, Shrewsbury Town and Peterborough United.

THIRD DIVISION: Promoted: Wigan Athletic, Fullham and Carlsis United. Play-offs: Swarsse City and Chester City and two from Northampton Town, Caediff City and Lincoln. City. Relearsthad: Mex.

danced on the dugouts and demanded that the players returned. Stewards helped the players to clamber through the stands and they duly waved their fists and champagne bottles to the crowd. They threw down shinpads and socks as souvenirs, and Eaden even parted company with his shorts and had to negotiate a return to the dressing-room past teammates who were keen to hurl his jockstrap to the masses.

So it went on. The press box was partially invaded and phone over copy in the pandemonium as handsets were swirled above heads. In the streets around the ground, drivers beeped their horns and flags were waved at passersby. Radio phone-ins were iammed with callers congratulating Barnsley. From Brighton to Berwick-upon-Tweed, the goodwill flowed munificently towards South York-

As the streets cleared slowly and the drizzle continued, it seemed odd that football, a mere game after all, could galvanise such warmth and sense of community. There was also a gnawing sense of anticlimax — to be at this epicentre of happiness and not to be a Barnsley devotee. Their supporters had waited 110 years; how long will it take for our own dreams to come true? BARNSLEY (4-4-2): D Walson — N Eaden, A Moses, A de Zeeuw, N Thompson — M A Moses, A de Zeeuw, N Thompson — N Bullock (sub C Mercelle, 70min), N Redleam, D Sheriden, A Liddel (sub: P Shriff), 82) — P Willenson, J Hendrie BRADFORD CITY (4-4-2) A Davison — R Liburd, N Mohan, J Dreyer, W Jacobs — R Blake (sub C Mingley, 79), N Pepper, C Wilder (sub: O Sundgot, 54), S Murray — M Newell, Edinho.



Wilson accepts the congratulations of an adoring crowd



Premiership door closes shut on valiant Vale

Wolverhampton Wanderers2

By a Correspondent

THE promotion of Barnsley, on Saturday, to the FA Carling Premiership was enough to induce palpitations among football's controlling elite, but Port Vale? Now that is heart attack territory. Sadly, there was no call for ambulances yesterday. Port Vale must wait another season at least for their moment of improbable

Defeat by Wolverhampton Wanderers means that the Nationwide League first division play-off places are already decided and Crystal Palace, not Vale, have claimed the

postponement of the final weekend's fixtures to next Sunday is largely irrelevant, relegation issues apart. For all their remarkable achieve-

best yesterday to a Wolverhampton side clearly smarting from self-inflicted wounds that fatally hindered their chance of automatic promotion. Yet this defeat and ultimate failure should not detract from Port Vale's marvellous achievement.

They were given a standing ovation at the end of a tense, nerve-ridden affair, and rightly so. What right have Vale to tilt at windmills in these money-driven days? Yet here they were, vying with the relative gentry of Wolverhampton with promotion still at stake. Afterwards,

last berth. It also means that the John Rudge, the Port Vale manager, spoke of regret at failing to take the promotion issue to the final weekend; but he can be proud of his team, and prouder still of the work that he has ments this season. Vale were second done at Vale Park.

He is the second longest-serving

Full results and . Page 30

manager in English professional football and has transformed a homely club from musical hall joke to a club that everyone - even the moneymen of the Premiership must take seriously. Yet this manager, this miracle worker, was close to being turfed out by Vale a couple of

seasons ago because they felt like a

Rudge's work is a tribute to the virtues of patience and continuity. Vale may have played second fiddle to Wolves yesterday, but, even when not performing at their best, they still pushed their opponents manfully.

Wolves were forced to scrap for every chance, and they finally took a deserved lead after 34 minutes when Obsborne took a corner which Musselwhite, the Vale goalkeeper, unwisely punched straight at Thomas. He accepted the gift with some glee by thumping it straight back into the net. Even then Vale fought back. Navlor missed one chance, but soon after met a Tankard cross on the run and sent an impromptu volley on a bizarre steepling course into the net

Dichio bows out

after 40 minutes. Wolves, though, looking for the advantage of an away leg first in the play-offs, were not to be denied. A minute later Atkins ran from his own half to send a 30-yard shot bouncing past Musselwhite into

Vale looked to Foyle, their 34-yearold substitute, in the second half, which perhaps illustrates why they are not quite equipped for the Premiership.Rudge praised his men afterwards and will be given belated praise himself with a new contract

PORT VALE: Musselvhile, Hill, Tankard, Bogie (sub Talbot, 46mn), Aspin, Glover, McCarthy, Porter (sub Koordes, 78), Mils, Naylor, Corden (sub: Foyle, 29) WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS: Slowell: Smith Gilkes (sub Venus, 46), Atkins, Williams (sub Law, 51), Curle, Conca (sub Osborn, 13), Ferguson, Buil,

Sport left on sidelines of election

have commented on social issues that have arisen in Liverpool several times this season. Inevitably, these have brought me to the attention of politicians and, in the run-up to the election. I have received requests to support certain political agendas.

I have declined, not because I do not have any interest, but because I feel it is a private matter. I have never talked publicly about politics or religion. The only reason for me to go public would be because I want to influence people, to change their minds, and have no interest in doing

Politicians have increasingly sought endorsements from sportsmen, pop stars, actors and the like - I suppose it is an attempt to influence the younger generation - but I would not want anyone to follow something just because I did. I don't want to change people's minds. They must judge on all the issues themselves. That is not to say that I do not have an interest or that footballers are untouched by the election — it is not exactly a burning issue in the Liverpool or England dressingrooms - but footballers are interested in the election like everyone else.

One player at our club came out publicly on an election platform last time and there are others with strong opinions. Too often. though, it is easy within football to fall into the trap of being concerned only with how much money a prospective party might take off you. It happens in ev-

ery walk of life, but obviously there is a lot of money around at the top of the game. Some football-

ers seem concerned only about taxes and such issues, but there is far more

to an election than that. Most have been raised in the past few weeks, but one that I think has been ignored somewhat is the whole subiect of sport.

The campaign seems to what has disappointed me is that none of the parties seem to have clear policies on improving sporting opportunity in this country. It seems to me that governments could place greater emphasis on the development of sport, especially in providing opportunities for the young. It might seem insignificant, but I think it would benefit the whole of society. Sport desperately needs an infrastructure, building from the bottom, and kids need something to do. By matching them up, it would provide opportunity

and enterprise. While the election reaches its climax, there is the little matter of another important date this week. England meet Georgia on Wednesday evening and we are looking

STEVE McMANAMAN



on football taking a general interest

for as big a win as all the political parties. We need to win, it is as simple as that. If. we are to catch Italy at the top of our World Cup group, we must maintain the pressure on them. They play a tough match at home to Poland on the same night and there is potential for difficulty that makes it even more vital that we get the

Georgia are no mugs. They are a technically gifted side, who were clearly hindered by the pitch when we met them before Christmas. I am sure they will be better suited to Wembley and wemust concentrate hard against them. They did well against Italy, created a lot of chances, and in Georgi Kinkladze, we know from first-hand experience that they have a gifted play-There has

been a lot said

about the Eng-

land side recent-

ly, particularly

by Italy, and we

know we have to

produce in this

match. It has-

been a long,

hard season, but

after the defeat

'Some seem concerned only about taxes and

such issues' no one needs motivating to play for England. The international camp

has been a strange interlude in some ways this week. We were immersed in the intense battle of a title race, days, and then suddenly that has been put aside. Here we are mixing with the Manchester United players as team-mates instead of rivals. Mind you, it was even stranger meeting up with Gary Pallister, whose two goals against Liverpool last week effectively ended our hopes of winning the championship. There has been a lot of

speculation about the team and whether the manager should go for the form players or stick with the long-term side that he has favoured. As yet, I haven't a clue who he will prefer and whether I will be playing or not. All I can hope is that, after a week on the campaign trail myself, Mr Hoddle will vote for McManaman.

Vic Jobson, the Southend

chairman, shared Whelan's

indignity at the surrender.

There was no passion, any-

where," he said. "You can't

expect the crowd to show

passion if the players don't. Huddersfield did, and they

had nothing to play for. There

will be changes, there has to

be. They re not good enough to

Jobson neatly sidestepped

inquiries about Whelan's

future. The fact that he is

reported to earn £4,500 a

week, and his agreement with

the club has 12 months left to

run, suggests that there will be

no managerial blood-letting

for a while. The pruning and

replacing will be restricted to

get us back up."

Palace limp into play-offs

Swindon Town ... Crystal Palace2

By Keith Pike

THE play-offs beckon Crystal Palace once more and logic dictates that, for the second season in succession, they will be found wanting — but since when did logic have any bearing on this particular endof-season ritual? Palace, for all their obvious shortcomings, still find themselves three games away from a return to the FA Carling Premiership.

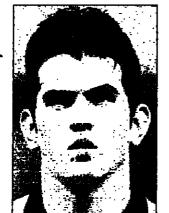
Twelve months ago they went into overtime as the freescoring, form team, only for Steve Claridge to fluke the extra-time goal past Nigel Martyn that took Leicester City up in their stead. This time, Palace have limped rather than romped to the finish line.

On Saturday they made extraordinarily hard work of beating a poor Swindon Town side, and it was perhaps fitting that their place in the play-offs was secured yesterday by the failure of others, when Port Vale, who needed to win to set up a winner-takes-all meeting at Selhurst Park on Sunday. lost at home to Wolverhamp-

ton Wanderers. It is a different approach. certainly, but no matter: the mood in the Palace camp was one of mild optimism, and who is to say that it is misplaced?

"The Premiership is so difthat much more classy," Neil Shipperley, the scorer of both the Palace goals, said, and, as a former Chelsea and Southampton player, he knows his subject well enough. We were quite poor today, a bit lethargic, but we won, and that is all that matters. Having gone so close last year, the team has the experience that might prove decisive in the play-offs."

The top echelon of the Nationwide League is, Steve Coppell, the Palace manager, admitted, "a dog of a division to get out of", but he too, appeared positively stressfree. Five months ago a 2-0 defeat at the same County Ground had prompted his decision to walk away from Maine Road after just 33 days in charge of Manchester City.



Shipperley: two goals

confirming that, whatever the perils that await, the pressure is that much greater further down the table.

Solid rather than commanding at the back, functional but scarcely fluent in midfield. Palace again looked to be some way short of Premiership class. Seven games in 21 days had taken their toll. "We were a bit leg-weary and not sharp enough in possession," Coppell said.

The return of Ray Houghton from international duty will give his team the authority that only Hopkin exercised against Swindon, and it would be surprising indeed if Coppell did not find room in attack for Freedman when league push comes to play-off shove. He certainly gave Palace far more cunning and invention when he replaced

Dyer for the last 26 minutes on

Saturday. Shipperley's goals came in the last minute of the first half and the last minute of the second, from a combined distance of five yards. So limited were Swindon, though, that a good team would surely have gorged itself. Palace have yet to convince that they are hungry enough.

SMINDON TOWN (5-3-2) F Digby — W O'Sulfinan (sub. S Coste, 78min), M Roberson, F Darras, G Eberts, J Drysdale — A Smith, D Bulliock, T Gooden — W Ringer, P Thome CRYSTAL PALACE (3-5-2) C Nash — G Davies, D Tuttle, A Linghar, — K Muscat, D Hopkin, A Roberts, C Yeart, D Gordon (sub-M Edworthy, 83) — N Shipperley, B Dyer (sub- D Froman, 64)

with a flourish Queens Park Rangers ... 2

Tranmere Rovers ...

ONE goalkeeper fumbled a shot and got away with it. The other fumbled a shot and was punished. Tony Roberts, of Queens Park Rangers, finished on the winning side. Eric Nixon, of Tranmere Rovers, who made a string of excellent saves before his mistake, was a loser.

The decisive goal came ten minutes into the second half. Steve Morrow broke out of defence and shot low from well outside the box. Nixon let the ball bounce out of his grasp. Daniele Dichio, playing his last home game for QPR before joining Sampdoria, of Genoa, this summer.

knocked it into the net. Six minutes earlier, with alert opportunism, he had sent in a close-range shot which Nixon saved superbly. John Aldridge, the Tranmere player-manager, refused to blame Nixon. "It was skimmy on top," Aldridge said. "There was plenty of water. The balls fly when you hit them. I can't really fault

Dichio, when substituted near full-time, left the field to sustained applause. He leaves QPR still in the first

League. Too many points were thrown away earlier in the season. They could even have lost this match for all their opportunities.

After just four minutes, confusion between Brevett and Murray enabled Aldridge and Lee Jones to advance on goal unopposed. Unselfishly, Aldridge slid the ball square to Jones, who banged it over the bar-QPR's thin blue-and-white

line - they use three at the back, with no McDonald faltered again when Irons finished a sustained run with a shot that Roberts saved; he saved again from Irons in the second half. O'Brien should have done better than wallop loose ball wide. Later, though, he forced a good save from Roberts.

QPR's second goal came after 77 minutes: fine control, then an inspired pass by Impey, a burst past McGreal and a remarkable shot in off the far post by Spencer. "The effort from the players today was magnificent," Stewart Houston, the QPR manager. said. Ali, alas, in vain. CILEENS PARK RANGERS (3-6-1): A Robert — D Maddir, S Yatas, S Morrow — A Impoy, P Muttay, N Quastre, J Spencer, G Peacods, R Birevett, D Dicho (sub: S

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Southend hoist white flag comprehend. The buck stops dervishes. Numerous con-Southend United..... with me and it's up to me to get tracts are due for renewal, Huddersfield Town.....2

By Russell Kempson

A FEW hundred home supporters stayed behind at Roots Hall on Saturday, after Southend United had been relegated to the Nationwide League second division, to administer the last rites. Some cheered, some jeered, some simply stared in disbelief at the ineptitude that they had witnessed.

"The players will not be coming out," the public address announcer said, stumbling to find the appropriate words. "They feel very sad that they have let you down. We apologise, we are sorry. It's a sad time for all of us ... but will you please disperse." The stalwarts would not be

moved until. eventually, a handful of players, in various states of undress, emerged, embarrassed, reluctant to make eye contact and wanting to be anywhere but out in the open. What followed was no more than a cursory acknowledgement to those who had endured so much this season; a raggedlap of dishonour.

Southend manager, it had been another bad day at the office. "We knew that, if we lost, we'd be down," he said. "yet it seems that a few of the just didn't care enough. I find it hard to

us back as quickly as possible, but it's performances like that

minus nine regulars because of injury or suspension, they would have given themselves a chance of staying alive. Oldham Athletic, Bradford City and Grimsby Town, their relegation rivals, had also lost. By then beating Grimsby next Sunday — the final day of the season — Southend could have

On the evidence of dull, dire afternoon in Essex, they did not deserve to. They should have been breathing fire and brimstone, winning every 40-60 tackle in sight and launching themselves at Huddersfield like screaming

For Ronnie Whelan, the

Whelan: appalled

Whelan revealed later, yet it was as if they were all on that get managers the sack." £10.000-a-week deals for life.

Had Southend won, against Huddersfield Town side survived.

the squad. On Saturday Huddersfield had eased 20 ahead through Payton and Beresford before Southend suddenly appeared to realise what was at stake. Boere reduced the gap, eight minutes from the end, and Francis made two excellent saves to prevent the most undeserved of equalisers.

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Hope survives after Goldstone's last stand

Brighton, staging a poignant last match the Goldstone Ground, had scrambled the victory over Doncaster Rovers that brought them a last-gasp chance of Football League survival away to Hereford United next Saturday, there was a heated debate on a radio phone in programme. The first caller, from Liver-

pool, casually condemned Brighton for their previous crowd disturbances, for which the Football Association deducted two points and which may yet deposit them. homeless, in the Vauxhall Conference. They deserve to

go down, the caller said.

The response, a withering rebuke of several hundred words without breath drawn. should have been recorded and a tape sent to every chairman of every professional club, such as the once swaggering, Rolls-Roycedriving Mike Bamber, from Brighton's better times.

Without attempting to defend misbehaviour, the stricken Brighton supporter's words rang with emonon in a worthy advocate's plea: this club, 97 years old, is part of our community, it morally belongs to us, and today's victory, with the appearance of Dick Knight as a new local chairman, has restored our faith and hope after being failed by Bill Archer, a businessman from Lancashire.

It was a voice of passion, still buoyed by memories of Jimmy Melia leading out his men for the FA Cup Final of 1983: a glorious Wembley day on which Brighton, although already relegated from the then first division two weeks earlier, took the lead through Gordon Smith, who might have won the match with the last kick of extra time, when his shot was saved by Gary Bailey. Brighton nobly went under 40 in the replay.

More than 11,000 watched the last home fling of a team transformed by the appropriately named Steve Gritt. When Gritt, the former Charlton defender, replaced Jimmy Case, a hero from Wembley, as manager in December, Brighton stood 11 points adrift. Attendances had plummeted as low as 1,900. Until Saturday, they had been

DAVID MILLER

sees Brighton win 1-0 and hang on to dream of staying in the league

the bottom club in the Nationwide League since October 5. The mood before the match was tense, not just in the home dressing-room, Several hundred police were in and around the old stadium. It was an uncomfortable thought what violence might have been inflicted by malcontent youth had Brighton not won, several hundred disillusioned supporters being gathered outside and some storming a gate near the end. Instead, a police force -much relieved at the advanta-

geous result - benevolently

stood by during the emotional

aftermath, while hundreds of

spectators broke up the wood-

en seats for souvenirs.

he match had suffered an inauspicious start. Moore, the burly Doncaster central defender, and Baird, the Brighton captain, were soon sent off for exchanging blows wilder than Frank Bruno's. Half-time arrived with Brighthan Maskell's hooked leftfoot volley from 16 yards that was deflected for a corner.

At 4.15 the terraces suddenly echoed to the chant of "Orient one-nil". Hereford having gone behind in east London. Five minutes later Reinelt, who had replaced the concussed McDonald at halftime - "a tactical substitution." Gritt would smilingly claim later - charged clear, but had his shot deflected to safety by O'Connor, the Don-

At 4.30 on the stadium's old clock — also to be looted — came Brighton's pinnacle so far from a desperate season, a moment that may go down in the club's history. O'Connur punched a high ball partially lear, Morris, the Brighton defender, struck the crossbar and, from the ensuing scram-ble, Storer whacked the ball

Now Brighton wobbled. Horribly. At 4.41 Ireland cut in from Doncaster's right and swept a cross-shot perilously close. 4.47: A Doncaster cross found Cramb free and, just as he shot, Maskell's toe squeezed the ball away.

At 4.52, the crowd mistakenly invaded the pitch thinkquickly retreated. Womer spectators screamed with anxiety. 4.56; and it was over. Pandemonium. Players went to the directors' box to acknowledge thanks from a crowd that was joyfully chanting, "We-are-Brigh-ton, fromthe sarf".

Brighton have gained a goals-scored advantage over Hereford of three. A draw next Saturday will send Hereford down. Gritt said that his team will play positively for a win. Some devil's advocate reminded him that Brighton have taken two away points from their past 33, "The crowd have made the difference here," Gritt said. Some 3,000 of those will make the

Knight promised to support clock had gone.

trek to Hereford, in prayer.

It has, indeed, been a rare revival. Modestly, Gritt said that, arriving as a stranger and 18 months out of work, he had done no more than "teach them to defend the way I

Gritt next season. "He's earned the right to put the club up a few divisions," he said. Knight was emphatic that Brighton will find a temporary home in Sussex, on no account sharing Gillingham's ground. By now the surrounding Hove streets were empty - and the old

Mayo, P McDonald (sub: R Renell, 46mm — I Bard, C Maskell, DONCASTER ROVERS (4-3-3): G O'Con



A capacity crowd of 11,000 watch Brighton achieve an important and poignant victory in the final game at the Goldstone Ground





A bugler plays the last post before the match on Saturday

Bury show Watford what might have been | Di Canio collects

GRAHAM TAYLOR seems certain to put on his tracksuit again, and return to the job that brought him so much vilification when he was the England manager, now that Elton John is back on the yellow and red brick road as chairman of Watiord.

Nobody has said so yet, but it would not make much sense to restore "the dream team", as one member of the consortium which has taken over the club, called them, were Taylor not in charge of the playing side. Indeed, it may well have been one of the conditions under which the highpowered group, including Terry Rosenberg, the head of the South African Tennis Association, and

the National Ice Hockey Association, bought Watford with a view to building a top-class sporting organisation at Vicarage Road. A ground-sharing agreement with Saracens rugby club next season is

already in place. The first test is more basic. Someone has to lead Watford from the lower reaches of the Nationwide League, and nobody has better credentials for that job than Taylor, who, with John's financial hacking, took them from the old fourth division to runners-up in the first, into Europe and an FA Cup

Final in the late 70s and early 80s. The challenge now is to revive those glory days and the size of the task was emphasised on Saturday when Bury, poor relations even by Watford's present standards, not only snuffed out their opponent's last chance of reaching the second division play-offs but did precisely

Haig Oundijan, a vice-president of what Watford must now look to do Taylor's old boys, in his first term bit jittery today, but that was next season — achieve promotion to the first division.

It was almost a microcosm of a season which has been so disappointing for Kenny Jackett, one of



Taylor: must resume control

as manager. Watford have scored only 44 goals in 45 games, taken only six points from their past nine matches and could not even capitalise on a penalty, which would have kept their hopes alive.

Bury, strong, well organised and unashamedly looking for their 23rd clean sheet and the point that would take them up for the second year in succession, had not been in too much trouble until the 87th minute. Then, an exquisite chip from Mooney put Johnson clear only for Armstrong to clip his heels as he was about to shoot. Mooney struck the penalty firmly enough. but it was too close to Kiely, who saved with his knees.

The Bury players mobbed Kiely, the former England youth international goalkeeper, their 3,000 supporters went wild and Stan Ternent, their manager, said: "It gets better every time. We were a understandable when we were so close, and they gave us a bit of a fright at the end. It is a tough league, with a lot bigger clubs than Bury in it, and it will be even tougher next season - but we've proved people wrong before." Watford, meanwhile, were left

wondering what might have been. "It has been an open secret that Jack Petchey [the previous owner] has been trying to sell the club for some time," Taylor, 52, the general manager, said. "In that atmosphere of not knowing whether we were coming or going, we have drawn 19 of our games. It is as though we did not know whether to win or lose."

WMTFORD (4-4-2): A Chamberlain — N Gibbs. S Paimer, R Page, C Amistrong — D Bazeley, R Johnson, G Penner, C Eastlan — G Noist-Williams (sub K Phillips, 55min). T Mooney BURY (5-3-2). D Kely — D West, C Luckett, G Amistrong, P Butter, N — D West, C Luckett, G Amistrong, P Butter, N — D West, C Luckett, G N — N — Butter, C — D Bettersby, R Jesson.

Celtic's sole silver Tor one day of the year at

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least, football players are filled with a spirit of Christian charity. Indeed, they do not stop at forgiveness. Rather than simply turning the other cheek. they gather to fête the man who has caused them the greatest torment. In Glasgow last night, Paolo di Canio, of Celtic, received the Scottish players' player of the year award.

It will be the only prize collected by his club this season and the Italian finished ahead of Brian Laudrup, the Rangers forward, by a handful of votes. The development of Di Canio's reputation has been one of the most intriguing sub-plots in Scottish football of

After his signing from AC Milan for £900,000, mine seemed intent on living up to them. His behaviour begs a pundit to perament. For Di Canio, gesture is integral to expres-

sion and you could render him mute by tying his hands behind his back. A love of opera is another

stereotype.

From the first sighting of the BMW Z3 that he brought with him to Scotland, a concern with style has also been apparent. When kitted out with his green club blazer, a garment reminiscent of the uniform worn by Glasgow's bus drivers, it is reported that Di Canio recoiled and argued desperately that he should be allowed to for more fashionable clothing

for his team-mates

reckless piece of conformity to

Even now, to his cost, he can be caricatured. With Celtic 1-0 down to Falkirk last week in the Scottish Cup semi-final, he fell inside the area as David Hagen attempted a challenge. Television pictures suggest that a penalty ought to have been awarded, but Willie Young. the referee, can be excused for failing to detect the offence.

As well as dismissing appeals, though, he stopped the game and booked Di Canio for diving. Somewhere in the official's mind there may just have lurked a preconcep-tion about Italian histrionics. If it had been David Hannah, or one of the other mundane Scots in the Celtic side, who had hit the ground, would Young still have reached for the yellow card?

Although most wingers are accused at times of feigning a foul, it

is, for the most part, a wholly laudable drama that Di Canio creates. The subtleties of his dribbling are a delight, but so too are the pride and self-belief that mark him out in every match. "When people like him do have a bad game," Tommy Burns, the Celtic manager, has observed, "it will be a real stinker, because they never stop trying to turn it into a good

Talk of Italian exuberance is traditional, but Di Canio's strength of mind is also typical of a nation that once again has representatives, this year, in the final of two of the three European trophies. He once played for Juventus and continues to echo their indomitability. As Burns claims. Di Canio is

too hrave to hide. and, if team-mates have a shameful tendency to evade responsibility by depending solely on his immense efforts, as they did in losing to Fal-

kirk, he is hardly to blame. It is perfeetly appropriate that he alone should take an honour from the season while the rest of the Celtic squad is left

empty-handed. In the past five years Scotland's journalists have gone on to present their prize to the man already honoured by the players, but, in 1997, there is a chance of disparity. If the only purpose were to identify the person who can make the most skilful use of a ball, then the press, too, would be left to choose between Di Canio and Laudrup. Important though ability may be. however, sport is also about the individual's will to triumph over circumstance.

In that regard. Jim Leighton, the Hibernian goalkeeper, is quite a candidate. Ditched by Manchester United in 1990 and freed by Dundee in 1993, Leighton, 39, has since surmounted despair. Nor has he had the luxury of some tranquil sanatorium in which to recover peace of mind. His club are still at risk of relegation and, despite his efforts. 51 goals have been conceded in the Bell's Scottish

He is best judged at international level and a clean sheet against Sweden in Gothenburg on Wednesday would be his twelfth in succession for Scotland in appearances in the important tournaments. That record matters more than any trophy journalists can award, but Leighton still has this

Webb's parting words increase speculation

Brentford0

BY RICHARD HOBSON

THE best job in the world - such was the opinion of the array of managers questioned by Alan Hansen during his television documentary into the occupation last week. The view may not hold unanimity after all, however. David Webb and Chris Nicholi appear to be the two most reluctant managers in the Nationwide

League. Webb has already offered to resign this season after suffering verbal abuse from Brentford supporters, only to change his mind. On Saturday, the club laid on free transport to the Bescot Stadium for a game that they needed to win to maintain their hopes of automatic promotion to the first division. For those supporters to break into chants of "Webb out" smacked of ingratitude, but drew a response

that they will find encouraging. "If they are patient, they may get the change they want." Webb said. Make of that what you will." Yet his side did not play badly. They created sufficient opportunities to have avoided defeat and can claim to have dominated the second half. Rapley, a substitute, and Hutchings had firm headers saved by Walker, and a cross-shot from Taylor almost sneaked inside the

Having led the table for much of the season, before the sale of Nicky Forster to Birmingham City, Brentford must now face the play-offs, but how about Walsall? They are in eighth place, three points behind Bristol City, in sixth, but with games against Gillingham and Preston North End. sides from the bottom half of the table, to

Mountfield and Viveash give them resolve at the back, while Hodge consistently had the better of Anderson along the left flank. Their most telling asset, however, is the pace of Kyle Lightbourne. their leading scorer. Lightbourne was a part-time player and truck driver in Bermuda when he was invited to a trial by Scarborough. Subsequently released on a free transfer, he has averaged close to a goal every other game for Walsall

The one that did for Brentford was his 25th of the season. He slid in to meet a low cross from Hodge in the 44th minute, and he also drew the best save of the game from Dearden five minutes after

Nicholl recognises the likelihood of losing Lightbourne during the summer, but is less talkative about his own future. "I do not want other people knowing about it; my future is my business," Nicholl said. That is not good enough. Those who pay good money to support Walsall are entitled to feel that it is their business, 100.

DUSTNESS, 100.
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Referee: E Wostenhorme

Dalglish to plan for the future

KENNY DALGLISH is ready to begin the rebuilding of the Newcastle United side that he inherited from Kevin Keegan with three signings. Temur Ketsbala the Georgia midfield player, Jon Dahl Tomasson, the Denmark forward, and Ricky Gillies, of St Mirren, are all likely to sign

before the start of next season. Gillies, the Scotland Under-21 midfield player, could be the first to sign after holding talks at St James' Park today. He has also been on trial at Liverpool and Tony Fitzpatrick, the St Mirren manager, said: "We have given the player permission to have talks with Newcastle, but we have kept Liverpool aware of the situation too." The fee is likely to be in the

region of E500,000. Ketsbaia, who could play against England at Wembley on Wednesday, has confirmed that he will join Newcastle on a free transfer from AEK Athens. "I mel members of the Newcastle board on Thursday and we are still having talks," he said. "The only thing that is missing is my signa ture on a piece of paper but that is

Tomasson, of SC Heerenveen. who is the leading scorer in Holland, said: "I have discussed terms at length with Newcastle over the past couple of days and spoken to my friends in the Denmark camp. Peter Schmeichel and Allan Nielsen. They have told me that England would be a good move and that Newcastle is a big

Macclesfield home in on Conference title

Macclesfield Town Bromsgrove Rovers0

By Walter Gammie

THE manner in which Macclesfield Town ruthlessly ended the Vauxhall Conference life of Bromsgrove Rovers at Moss Rose on Saturday suggests that they should have little problem in bringing their own tenure in the too flight of non-league football to a more satisfying conclusion within the next week

Town on Wednesday or Kettering Town on Saturday, will ensure promotion to the Nationwide league and be a heart-warming triumph for Sammy McIlroy and a squad cut to the bare bones in the wake of the hole in the club's finances blown by the suicide of Arthur Jones, the chairman, last September. "It would be my greatest achievement in football," McIlroy said, topping Manchester United and Northern Ireland glory

Victory, either away to Halifax

days and Wembley appearances. In front of 3,004 people, the sort of crowd that "would give us a chance" at a higher level, according to McIlroy, Macclesfield wrapped up their home programme another feast to follow the 5-0 thumping of Woking last Wednesday. The local shoppers who followed the urgings of leaflets handed to them to add their weight to "Sammy's promotion push"

were well rewarded. Edey let Bromsgrove off the hook when Taylor dived to his right to but the dismissal of Smith, the central defender, who had brought down Askey to concede the kick, left

a gaping hole in their rearguard. Led by the tirelessly resourceful

Sorvel and Wood, embellished by dazzling touches by Askey and fancy footwork by Byrne and Williams, Macclesfield spun silken patterns that swiftly sealed Bromsgrove's fate. A header by Payne from a corner, two goals taken at the second attempt by Williams and a penalty emphatically put to Taylor's left by Davenport, the old hand, put them out of sight by half-time. The second half faded as early chances went begging and substi-

clestield supporters supplied a streaker and Bromsgrove supporters provided fancy-dress frolics in the rain - goalkeeper Taylor was persuaded to try a bishop's mitre for size — as end-of-an-era emotions took over in both camps. Such is the cruel concertina crush of the end-of-season programme that Macclesfield tonight be able to debate the momentous days ahead with the

one team that can overhaul them,

tutions were made, but the Mac-

Kidderminster Harriers, after they have taken each other on in the second leg of the Spalding Cup final at Aggborough. DITAL AL ABBOTOUGH.

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The 1998 World Cup finals will be the biggest yet with 32 nations competing. Europe will provide the largest contingent, with 14 qualify ing places at stake and France automatically included as hosts. hesol Is: Norway 5 Azerbaijan U; Azarbaijan U; Azarbaijan 1 Switzerland 0; Hungary 1 Finland 0; Finland 2 Switzerland 3; Norway 3 Hungary Africa will produce five qualifiers, three or four will come from Asia. four from South America, three from Concacaf (north and central MATCHES TO COME: Apr 30: Norway v Finland: Switzerland v Hungary. June 8: Finland v Azerbalian; Hungary v Norway. Aug 20: Finland v Norway. Hungary v Switzerland, Sept 6: Switzerland v Finland; Azerbalian v Norway. Sept 10: Hungary v Azerbalian, Norway v Switzerland of 21: Finland v Hungary; Switzerland v Azerbalian. America) and one or none from East). Brazil. as holders. qualify

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divided into eight pools of four and matches will be played in 10 venues, two in Paris (the Stade de France at St Denis and the Part des Princes), Bordeaux, Lens, Lvon, Marseille, Montpellier, Nantes, St Etienne and Toulouse. The final will be at the Stade de France. Cyprus, Sept 10: Bulgaria v Russia. Oct 11; Cyprus v Luxembourg: Russia v Bulgaria **GROUP FIVE**

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runner-up qualify. The other eight

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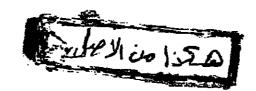
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Simon Barnes in the trenches at the world table tennis championships

Nations united by the ultimate in sporting warfare

ing pong is one of those universal experiences. Children have had running races and jumping competitions since time and legs began, and that is track and field. Football is perhaps the second universal. Most children, and certainly just about every boy that ever lived outside North America, has played three-and-in, even when all they have for a ball in a bundle of

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Then there is ping pong.
More organisation is required, and more expense, but gratifyingly little of either. Ping pong is as inevitable a game in the Third World as it is in the first. There were 108 nations that accepted invitations to attend the world championships in Manchester, and 106 that turned up. That is serious. In terms of the number of nations competing. it is reckoned to be the biggest event held on British soil bigger even than the warhungover 1948 Olympic Games, and obviously bigger than any Commonwealth

Who has not picked up a ping pong bat, who has not dared the big shot at 20-19, who has not felt nerve fail at match point against? Who has not experienced the paradox of the airy nothing of a ball that can travel like a bullet?

Yet ping pong is considered a minor sport, unlike running and jumping and football. Few are aware of Great Britain's struggle to qualify for the deeper stages of the team compension. Oh, and before the ping pong establishment writes to inform me that the game is called table tennis, let me demur.

The phrase "table tennis" is offensive. It contains an apology: "Sorry, we are not proper tennis at all, we are a scaleddown version of the real thing" but ping pong is a marvellous game in its own right compelling, violent and quite

"Dynamic," Matthew Syed,

high-stress game." Having obtained a first-class degree in politics, philosophy and economics (PPE) from Balliol College, Oxford, he turned down a highfalutin offer to start a career in the City so that he could play ping pong. Recently the subject-victim of one of The Guardian's postmodern questionnaires, he sent back the questioner's every irony with power.

swerve and topspin.

"Tricks," he said. "Tricks within tricks." That's ping pong. Ping pong is a universal. So is singing. But things develop with time, expertise, thought, instruments: modern ping pong can be difficult to follow and bewildering to the eve. just as the 12-tone technique of Schönberg baffles the

The ping pong server as-

England advance Results

sumes a position of bizarre contortion at the moment of release, to hide both but and ball from his opponent. Players twiddle their bats, changing the differing faces from forehand to backhand and back again. They stamp on the floor to disguise the sound of impact. Before each match, they scrutinise each other's instruments, lest their opponent be carrying a bat out of

Players come in weird varieries of form: in ping pong. more than any other sport. le style c'est l'homme. Or femme, course. Loopers, hitters, counter-hitters, backspin defenders, topspin defenders. Others, too.

Syed is a backspin and float defender. One of the many paradoxes of the game is that the defender is more flamboyant than the attacker, standing miles away, till the dining table assumes the size of an occasional table for a small gin and tonic, plunging about to

of his opponent and backspinning, or perhaps floating, the ball back again.

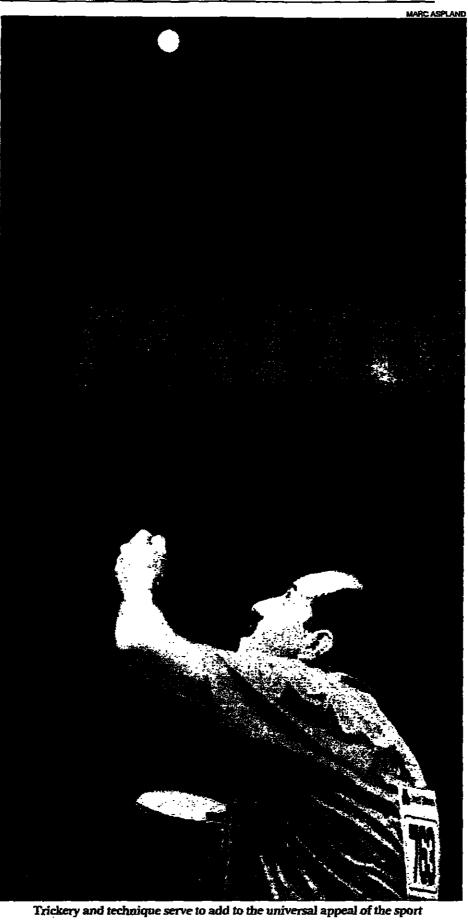
There are seven titles at stake in Manchester — five individual and doubles titles. such as you get at Wimbledon, plus the Davis and the Fed Cups. Two years ago, China won all seven in China. A repeat at the G-Mex Centre, by no means out of the question. would count as one of the great achievements in sport.

This a game about psychological domination, and the Chinese have that quality above all. They have the knack of dominating opponents even down. Against the Chinese, players surrender unbeatable leads as a matter of routine.

The game is bewilderingly fast, not just in the speed of the ball but also in the speed of the points. There is no time to regroup and change your tactics. You see appalled players watching themselves as they unerringly feed an opponent's strength, unable to tell their hands to stop it. This is a game in which players get trapped. when the stronger imposes on the weaker a kind of psychological claustrophobía.

tional sports are metaphors for L battles and fights, and ping pong is a death duel. It is played at a pitch of violent intensity, yet its missile is the most feeble thing in sport. It is little more than a cloud. This is both the most aggressive of all games and the most harmless. It takes high-combat skills, both in physical and mental terms, but employs this fragile nugacity of a weapon. It is almost as far from physical assault as chess.

All sports have this paradox peaceful warfare, harmless combat - but no sport has it to a greater extent than ping pong. That, and its universality, must make ping pong the ultimate sport.



Heavy price to pay for football association

club with the best Internet web site. Leeds United may make the most noise, but more fun is to be had logging on to the Bolton Wanderers pages. There is a regular update on the building of the new stadium, which will replace Burnden Park next season. A remote-control camera photographs the building site every half an hour to show progress and updates the Internet screen.

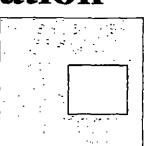
Last week the Reebok logo became more prominent as the giant sports goods group — which started life in Lancashire — signed a £2 million-ayear deal to put its name on the stadium. The deal is worth about as much to Bolton as the long-standing arrangement by which Reebok makes the shirts and is the main sponsor of the club.

The arrangement between Reebok and Bolton is a historical one, but it was the starting point for Reebok's challenge to Umbro, Adidas and Nike in the battle to sell footballrelated clothing to supporters. Reebok has traditionally sponsored individuals, particularly in athletics, where the company made its name.

Its leading footballer is Ryan Giggs, but it also has Peter Schmeichel, Dennis Bergkamp and John Scales on its books. It has deals with international teams, including Argentina, but has had a bad experience with Fiorentina, of the Italian Serie A. and is cancelling the deal because of the club's hooligan problems. Reebok recently signed up

two FA Carling Premiership clubs, Aston Villa and Liverpool, and, last week, Mel Stephens, the company secretary of Reebok International, told of the contrasting merchandising performances of those clubs.

Stephens said that, since launching the Liverpool range in the summer, it has sold £25 million worth of replica shirts, training tops and the like. The figure for the same period at Aston Villa is just £2 million. Though Stephens would not say how much Reebok paid Liverpool to win the contract, he admitted that the deal was so expensive that the company is not making a penny from it.



when you realise how much a manufacturer like Reebok makes out of club merchandise. A replica shirt selling for. say, £34.99 will net the manufacturer about £8.50, while handing about 13 directly to the club as a royalty fee. This means that the Manchester United home strip, of which nearly a million shirts have been sold, will bring the club £3 million on top of the reported £40 million that Umbro paid for the rights to

manufacture United goods. Umbro and Reebok say that the deals being struck now are not economic for the manufacturers. The prices have been pushed up because of an attack on the market by Nike. whose agreement to manufacture the Arsenal kit three years ago started the present round of inflation.

tephens does not think that Umbro will be able to continue to compete in the market. Reebok. Nike and Adidas are big brands using football almost as a loss leader to give them a strong position in the leisurewear market. Umbro operates only in football and is particularly dependent on its two main contracts - United and the England team. Should it lose either, it

could struggle. Which makes it all the more interesting that Peter Kenyon. formerly the chairman of Umbro International, should choose this moment to jump ship and turn up Manchester United. His title - deputy chief executive - is intriguing, as is his brief "to develop the Manchester United brand". Many see him as a successor to Martin Edwards in running the club, and he may not have to wait too long

NETBALL

Law makes

difference

in cup final

By a Correspondent

ENGLAND captains past and

present have exerted a signifi-

cant influence on league and

cup netball this season. While

Kendra Slawinski, the former

England leader, steered Bed-

fordshire, her county side, to

the Inter-Counties League

championship. Fiona Mur-

tagh, her successor, led Essex Metropolitan to the sport's

equivalent of football's FA

It was somehow appropri-

sation for finishing league

runners-up to Bedfordshire

was to beat Slawinski's team

in knockout circumstances,

prevailing 9-5 at the end of a

tense final in Middlesbrough

The difference on Teeside

was Lorraine Law, Essex

Met's 6ft 3in goal shooter,

whose height and accuracy

JASON NISSÉ

ATHLETICS

Doctor's rounds lift Birchfield

By David Powell, Athletics correspondent

THE London Marathon has cannot say whether it affected started a trend. After two close races over 26 miles 385 yards two weeks ago, the English national 12-stage road relay, over almost twice the marathon distance at Sutton Park, Sutton Coldfield, on Saturday. produced the most thrilling finish in its 30-year history. The tension would have been even greater but for an incident that resulted in one athlete being taken to hospital.

Paul Jackson was on the fourth stage for Birchfield Harriers, the pre-race favourites, when, towards the end of his three-mile leg, he began to show obvious signs of distress. "He was like Jim Peters, rolling all over the place," Tom McCook, a Birchfield clubman, said. "I have never seen anybody so

However, unlike Peters, whose final collapse 200 metres from the end of the 1954 Empire Games marathon is part of athletics legend, Jackson made it to the finish. Walking and staggering the last 150 metres, he handed his team over in sixteenth place. having set off fourth.

The thoughts of Birchfield

athletes and officials were immediately diverted from a victory challenge to Jackson's weifare. Fortunately there was a doctor in the team line-up, a rarity in elite club athletics. Dr Mark Hirsch, a Birmingham GP, was down to run the

eighth stage.

"You only see people that colour in hospital," Hirsch reported after Jackson had collapsed into his arms on the line. Hirsch was preparing to withdraw, either to assist Jackson or to cover as overall race medic for Dr Frank Newton, while he treated the athlete. Neither proved neces-

sary.

Jackson was taken to hospital and was released that evening, having been advised to see a cardiologist. In the meantime, Hirsch determined that Jackson's courage in reaching the changeover should not be wasted, had an

my performance, but, in worse conditions, I ran faster than I did in the Midlands relay on the same course. Bit by bit, Birchfield rebuilt their challenge to deliver a medal into Jackson's possession. "All he was doing in the

ambulance was apologising for letting the team down," Rob Wright, a clubmate, said. Jackson should not feel guilty and should reflect instead on how, but for his courage and determination to reach the changeover, Birchfield would have been out of the race. There was more triumph here

in finishing third than in winning without incident. That is not to dimishish the achievement of Salford Harriers, who won the title for the first time, defeating Coventry Godiva by only eight seconds after 50 miles of running.

If McCook's estimate that Jackson would normally have run about 12 minutes faster is accurate, Birchfield would have edged out Salford in a tight three-team finish.

All but Darius Burrows, a victim of trying too hard to make up lost time, misjudging his run, performed well. "Two disasters and the team pulling together for bronze medals is a triumph of team spirit," Maurice Millington, the Birchfield

manager, said. Jackson, 32, was called in at two days' notice. According to Wright, hospital doctors said that his condition was brought on by anxiety. Birchfield officials believe that Jackson put himself under too much pres-

"He has never been put under that stress before and I think it was too much for him," Millington said. "Maybe we should have selected somebody more experienced."

McCook added: "He is the sort of guy who turns out when the club wants him; a team manager's delight."

Ironically, one of Coventry's silver medal-winning team was Glynn Tromans, who has needed two heart operations to correct a condition which forced him out of the race last "I thought about him on the year when he suffered a way round," Hirsch said. "I sudden tachycardia attack.

PANATHLON PUTS FUN AND COMPETITION BACK ON THE CURRICULUM FOR PUPILS

Contest opens up new fields of dreams

THE decline of competitive

sport in state schools has become a cliché in politics and education. Pockets of excellence have remained, usually because of the enthusiasm of individual teachers Cuthacks in spending by local authorities, pupils working part-time at weekends and the reluctance of many non-PE members of staff to take charge of extracurricular activities. however, have combined to reduce inter-school fixtures and cut entries for championships.

Into this void in London has arrived the panathlon, sponsored by Royal Sun-Alliance, one of the most imaginative ideas in school

A total of 32 secondary schools, one from each London borough, compete in nine activities: badminton, basketball, cycling, chess, football, netball, orienteering.

Speedway Control

Board (SCB) has cracked

down on "widespread" cheat-

ing among riders after a remarkable result in the

Speedway Star Cup at Poole

Poole beat Eastbourne 73-17.

just two points short of a whitewash. When Eastbourne were contacted by the SCB about the result, they claimed

that the Poole riders had

sprayed their tyres with an

acid-type substance to gain an

unfair advantage. Tyres made

of harder compound rubber

are in use in Great Britain this

year to slow the sport down,

but they create greater wheel-

spin and the spray is under-

On SCB instructions, the

referees at Sheffield and Ips-wich on Thursday told riders

that they would be impound-

ing two tyres from each team

for testing. Riders at the

Ipswich v Coventry Elite

League match, however,

admitted altering their tyres

stood to soften them.

last Wednesday.

sportshall athletics and table tennis. No pupil, however, can take part in more than can take part in more than two sports, thus forcing schools to unearth new talent. Four teams won through to the final. Peter Yates, the head of PE

at Ashburton HS, Croydon, a 900-strong comprehensive, said: "Last autumn l addressed the assembly and told everyone that this was an opportunity to prove that we were the best sports school in London. We already had an extensive series of inter-school events, but the panathlon allowed us to extend the programme."

For Ashburton's first training session, nearly two hundred children attended and £2,500 worth of equipment and coaching was provided for each school by the national governing bodies. Yates said: "What we tried to do was to develop a team spirit. There was no use the footballers practising if the netball play-

SPEEDWAY

Poole in tyre-tampering row

By TONY HOARE

away after the meeting to be

tested by Dunlop, the tyre

manufacturer. Jim Lawrence,

the referee, allowed the meet-

ing to go ahead because both teams had owned up to tam-

pering and neither would

David Hughes, the manager of the SCB, issued a

statement to all tracks on

Friday and wants riders and

officials to inform the board of

any further examples of tyre-tampering. The statement said: The problem of tyres

being modified (treated) with a

substance or substances app-

ears to be extremely wide-spread." At least six Elite and

Premier League clubs are

understood to have softened

their tyres, but it was the Poole

result that brought the prac-

Bob Dugard, the East-

tice to the forefront.

and all 12 tyres were taken bourne chairman, said that he

have had an advantage.



ers didn't. There were no stars, everyone was together." Members of staff who had a narticular knowledge of sports such as chess or cycling volunteered to help. Right across the capital, enthusiasm welled up. Gordon Secker, the head of PE at Grey Court. Richmond, said: "The event has shifted the focus from

other interests. The final at Grey Court last Friday was hectic with nearly

traditional team games that

we normally do to embrace

regretted not confiscating

tyres from the Poole team after

the match and felt that they

should have been thrown out

have been the only honourable

thing to do," he said. Poole

have gone through by bending

"It's been a tragedy for the new Elite League because people have been looking for

any excuse to rubbish it and

we couldn't have given them a

better one. It leaves a very

bitter taste in our mouths

because we were humiliated

by them on Wednesday, total-

difficult to accept."

unfairly, and that is very

Peter Ansell, the Poole co-

promoter, declined to com-

ment on the tyre-tampering

allegations, but said: "There

has now been a release from

the SCB and we will have to go

along with it. I believe East-

bourne were beaten by a

superior team and they have

blown it up out of all propor-

tion. Are they trying to justify

of the competition. "It would

five hundred pupils alternately competing and congratulating each other." All nine disciplines are of

equal value with points collat-ed towards the total. Even if the competition were based on playground sport, Inner London schools, such as Hackney Free, will have the disadvantage of a lack of onsite facilities and restricted

budgets.
Adrian Mullis, Hackney
Free's head of PE, said: There is incredible athletic ability in Hackney, the highest of all the 12 schools in which I have worked. However, a lot relies on the staff's enthusiasm. You have to badger pupils to remind them when extracurriculum training is taking place."

Mullis believes that the

educational philosophy in PE is changing. There used to be too much investigation," he said. "For instance, here is a football how can I move it? It got the pupil thinking, but is Children want to be taught in competitive activities." The involvement of girls

has been another cohesive factor for mixed schools. David Owen, the head of PE at Bishop Ramsey School, Hillingdon, said: "A talented girl at sport is no longer thought to be strange. She's accepted and applauded by The final scores were: Grey

Court 192, Ashburton 188, Bishop Ramsey 182, Hackney 164. Some of the competitors at Hackney Free, who had been impressive in the qualifying rounds, found the final a novel and fraught experience. Mullis said: "The competition has got to our team, because they are not used to tense situations. However, I know they have benefited. If we had this event going on in every city and county in Britain, the kids have got to improve and so, eventually,

would our national teams."

BOXING

Brown seeks rematch after premature finish

By Srikumar Sen, boxing correspondent

NEVILLE BROWN is to seek Boxing Union will not order a a rematch after his bid for the European middleweight title against Hassine Cherifi, of France, was controversially stopped in the sixth round at Swadlincote on Saturday.

Brown, Brendon Ingle, his trainer, and Frank Warren, the promoter, were disap-pointed that Daniel van der Wiele, the referee from Belgium, "jumped in" too quickly when Brown was backed up against the ropes and trying to ride out an assault by Cherifi. ingle said: "It was a terrible decision. Neville was well in

front at the time and he had already put the other guy down three times. So he should have been allowed to fight on. It was very close to the end of the round." The rematch will depend on

whether Warren can entice the champion to make a voluntary defence. "It would be nice to get him back here," Warren said. Certainly, the European rematch as it will no doubt consider its referee's action justified. Van der Wiele said after-

wards: "Brown was trapped

on the ropes and took four or

five shots without being able to defend himself. Then I saw a big right land and the eye was badly cut, so I stopped it." It is a pity that Brown was stopped on a cut because, on my scorecard, he had won all but one of the rounds up to then and had knocked Cherifi down three times, twice in the first round and once in the third. Had he been able to continue, he would almost certainly have won.

Paul Ingle, of Scarborough. makes the first defence of his British featherweight title against Michael Alldis, of Crawley, at Hull ice rink tonight. Having stopped Colin Macmillan, who is a much better boxer than Alldis, Ingle should have few problems.

from varying angles proved a decisive factor. Yet, over the league season, Bedfordshire's surprise dark horses possessed the greater staying power. While Bedford and Basildon

last week.

may be the places to play netball at present, North Durham, the newly-crowned third division champions, are producing an exciting crop of young England and senior international squad members. Significantly, in the under-21 Inter-Counties Cup final, this fast-emerging county ensem-ble had little difficulty in thrashing Derbyshire 15-6. Ironically, in one of her new

roles coaching the country's brightest youngsters. Slawinski is actively encouraging this North Eastern renaissance.

One leading North Durham club side is Sundale, of Sunderland, and their under-16s competed in the national youth championship finals at Sittingbourne, Kent, this weekend, where they lost 10-5 to Oldham. Oldham also prevailed in the under-19 category, defeating Turnford, of Hertfordshire, 12-9, while Weston Park, from mid-Hampshire, beat Falcons, of Nottinghamshire, 12-6 in the under-23 section.

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Pride bears Wasps to title triumph

By DAVID HANDS RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THERE will be no last-minute tantrums for Wasps, no whiteknuckle ride against Harlequins, their London rivals, at the Stoop Memorial Ground next weekend. Anid the rain and local pride of Franklin's Gardens on Saturday, they soldiered on to the Courage Clubs Championship title, unfussy, unpretentious and largely unfancied, but indomitable in the collective pride on which their season has been

founded. Lawrence Dallaglio, an inspirational captain, put a large linger on the virtues that have carried Wasps to a far more convincing title than that which came their way in 1990: "We have maintained what we had in the past two seasons and added to that," he said. We have become accustomed to professional rugby a bit quicker than others.

Wasps had, in a sense, to pull themselves down before they began to grow, pressur-ised three years ago by the resignation threat of Rob coach, to streamline their structure, hone their recruitment, make themselves more efficient. When so large a segment of playing experience left for Newcastle at the start of last season, the process of regeneration was force-fed, though it may not have seemed like that at the time.

Thanks to some shrewd purchasing of fresh players and a determination not to break an agreed wages structure merely to chase some overseas player advertising his availability. Wasps can be perceived to have judged the pace of the new era remark-

All the more, given that the spine of the team was introduced only this season: Mitchell and Sheasby, at hooker and No 8, arrived from Harlequins. King at stand-off half from Bristol University and Rees, at full back, from Newport. Only Gomarsall, the although it was Martyn Wood, 20 last Friday, who was at the helm against North-

Whether Wasps are playing the best rugby in England is a moot point, but champion-ships, as Dallaglio himself observes, are won over a season. Wasps suffered their decline in mid-season, largely in the Heineken and Pilkington Cups, yet the European experience has given them an awareness of where they must strengthen the team.

Throughout the season there has been an awareness about Wasps of the game's basic realities, an appreciation that they share with those other men in black from New Zealand. King, whose badly bruised back forced a premature departure on a stretcher. has learnt well, but, on Saturday, it was embodied in Gareth Rees, who kicked 16

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points, taking his league total. for the season to 274, and who brought his vision of where and how the game can be

Few would have chosen the little chip-kick out of his own 22 in the second half, when the Wasps line was under siege for lengthy periods, but Rees saw it as an attacking weapon on a greasy pitch that would have Northampton's wing and full back floundering. So it proved. Nor was it coincidence that Rees delivered the scoring pass for both tries, to Roiser in the first half and Logan in the dying moments

That final try concealed the gnawing anxiety that Wasps must have felt in the middle period of the game. Hepher, whose first three penalty goals gave Northampton a 9-3 lead in the opening quarter, kicked a fourth to rein back Wasps' advantage to seven points, and then a fifth, with four minutes to play, which made it 19-15. In

of the match.

scrum half, was there already, and it is typical of Wasps' season that they did not.

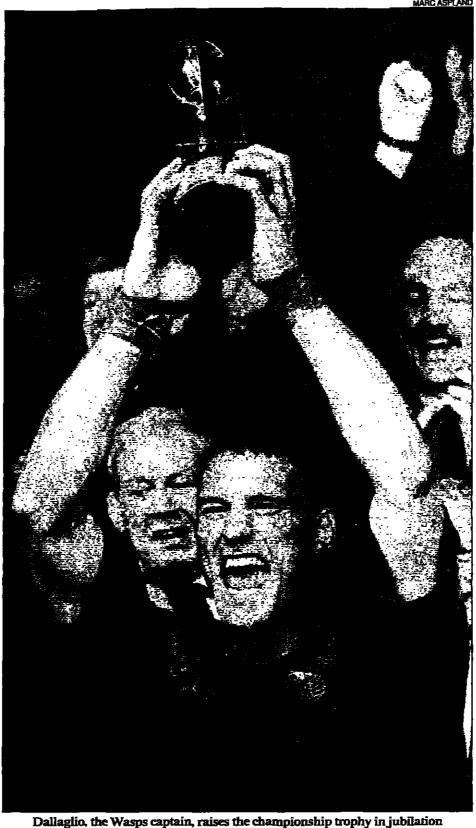
Northampton could seldom out any width on their attacks. but Hepher slipped through the black web with only Rees between him and the line. He slipped the ball to Merlin, the No 8, but, as he drove for the line. Reed and Greenwood. the locks, enveloped him in so telling a tackle that the ball could not be touched down.

Wasps have learnt, too. from New Zealand not to commit too many players to the ruck or maul, so their defensive line is seldom fractured. Against a Northampton team that lost Townsend with a neck injury midway through the first half, they almost invariably had two players available to tackle the ball carrier, sometimes earning the turnover, sometimes prepared to slow the ball down in a way that is dependent upon legal interpretation for success

An adverse penalty count of 14-11 suggests that their methods were not always appreciated, but Rees, with four penalty goals from six attempts, kept Wasps in touch and his perceptive pass gave Roiser the space to go outside Hunter and into the corner for his minth league try of the

Logan, too, has scored nine league tries since joining Wasps from Stirling County, but in only eight games. His was the denouement: Northampton, running once more out of defence where they created so many problems for themselves, allowed the ball to go down in midfield and Rees stretched between two defenders to scoop up the pass for Logan to run in and alleviate every Wasps' fear. They have deserved it.

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WASPS: G. Rees; S. Roiser, N. Greenstock, R. Henderson, K. Logan; A. King, M. Wood; D. Molloy, S. Mitchell, W. Green, L. Dallaglio, M. Greenwood, A. Reed, M. White, C. Sheasby, Reed replaced by D. Cronin (62); King replaced by J. Ulton (76).
Referee: G. Hughes (Manchester).



between those kicks, North-Dallaglio, the Wasps captain, raises the championship trophy in jubilation ampton might have equalised, Listless Leicester face battle for European place

Bristol ..

sharpness."

on Saturday.

By Christopher Irvine

TOOTHLESS Tigers and tame Lions were easy prey at Welford Road. It was neither a pretty sight, nor a palatable prospect for Leicester, who have lost their grip on the law of the jungle. Unless they scrap a win or draw away to Sale on Saturday - a dress-rehearsal now more important than the Pilkington Cup final the week after - they will lose out to Sale on the last qualification place for

Three months ago Leicester were Heineken Cup finalists; three weeks ago they beat Wasps and looked

BY BRYAN STILES

WEST COUNTRY derbies are

usually tight, low-scoring af-

fairs, but Richard Hill, the

Gloucester director of rugby, is convinced that 80 points will

be rartled up on the score-board by the end of their

match with Bath on Wednes-

day - and all of them will be

Hill knows from personal

experience, as a former Bath

player and coach, that they

will exploit the weaknesses in

his team and pile up the

points, so he intends to include

some fresh players, even

though they may not be as

talented as those on display

against Bristol in the Courage

Clubs Championship match

Hill was right to describe

the match with Bristol as

"probably our worst in the

league this season". It had

little of the blood-and-guts

endeavour that usually char-

acterises these derby games and this was supposed to be

something special - it was the

200th match between the

Weary Gloucester

capable of catching the newlynow in. This listless performance

hardly suggested an easy way out. Last year Leicester were pipped for a double by Bath. If Sale prove to be their bêtes noires this time round, their loyal followers will be entitled to some answers. Tiredness is a factor, but their failure to respond to pressure was not only worrying from Leicester's perspective. The inability of a quartet of British Isles players -Johnson. Back, Rowntree and Healey

to rouse themselves had wider implications, with the tour to South

Africa imminent. Leicester have altered with the

seasons. Dour last autumn, fabulous crowned champions on the rails. The in winter and hesitant in spring. first of four defeats in five Courage Gripped by the fear of losing, they Clubs Championship matches, at resorted to the route one of set-piece Gloucester, dug the hole that they are to set-piece, without their usual control or ability.

For the last ten minutes, Bob Dwyer, the Leicester director of rugby, prowled the touchline. A caged tiger, he looked as though he was about to burst through the bars and assume responsibility. "We needed to keep control of the ball, but we've a lot of people trying to be in charge out there," he said. "We can't have an experienced team, because experienced players are ones who do the right things under pressure."

Paying tribute to Wasps, Dwyer said that they were deserving cham-pions, and highlighted their smart-

be far from lost, provided that they despatch Sale twice. The cup and entry into Europe again would be a illusions about the task, for which Miller is unlikely to be fit by Saturday, although Greenwood,

another wounded Lion, should be. Joel Stransky suffered a dead leg just as his place-kicking duel with Lacroix was getting interesting. With tension rife on both sides, Harlequins had the greater resolve and their back row, Cabannes especially, tackled themselves to a standstill.

Given their French trio, how could Harlequins miss out on Europe? They can guarantee a place by beating Northampton on Wednesday. Will Carling might have called

ness. Poor, dumb Leicester. All will time on England, but he should still get to strut on a continental stage. Before the only try, by O'Leary, Carling looked likely to score. His fair return, but Dwyer is under no half-break was stopped by Lewis Moody, 18, who summoned the spirit that older Leicester heads have

> temporarily forgotten. SCORIERS: Laicester; Penalty goals: J Liley (2). Stransky (2) Harlequins: Try: O Leary Conversion: Lacrox. Penelty goals: Lacrox (2) Lacrox, Penelty goels: Lacrox (2)
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Walker adds gloss finish to final flurry

Swansea..

By GERALD DAVIES

IF GREY skies and rain were

not what anyone would have wished on the day that the curtain came down on the old Cardiff Arms Park, then the match itself proved a fitting tribute. The old-stagers, you imagined, for all their gouty crustiness, protective of former glories and aware of modern failures, would have nodded sagely and admitted that, in coming to a close, Cardiff's green acres had seen a match worthy of its distinguished past. For sustained rhythm and excitement, clearsighted tenacity and willingness to attack, this was surely the best of the 26 Welsh Cup

There have been moments when Wales and its loyal rugby followers have been presented with matches that give rise to hopes of a brighter future. At each stage, they have been left forlorn. The international match against Scotland this season was the most recent example, a single success followed by a trail of defeat. Yet, while the national team may provide immediate kudos and may portray a resurgent self-esteem, a proper sense of enduring quality must first be discovered in a virile club game.

The style and alluring movement of this Swalec Cup final served as a touchstone, a pattern to which others can aspire. The 1996 final, between Pontypridd and Neath, was a fine match in the sun, but Cardiff and Swansea went further and added a touch of real class. This was reaching out to Europe, as Terry Holmes, the Cardiff coach, was happy to point out. That was the standard.

Booth, aware of his illustrious opponent, Robert Howley, raised his game at scrum half for Swansea; Aled Williams, conscious of his failing as a kicker on Saturday when compared with Jarvis, began running to create gaps for his colleagues and cause havoc for his opponents. The contest among the midfield players --Taylor and Gibbs on the one hand, Hall and Leigh Davies fulfilled reality what, beforehand, might have been thought merely wishful thinkic cut and thrust. When the Swansea scrum looked to be surpremely authoritative, Cardiff would pick up the gauntlet and respond equally powerfully. If Cardiff looked to rule the lineout, then Arnold and Moore took control. Gwyn Jones was outstanding, Stuart Davies influential All this in watery and treacherous conditions underfoot.

With the arbitrariness of the conditions, it was with increasing wonder that the

Walker's progress for his thrilling try in the second half, upon which the game finally turned in Cardiff's favour. The score had been close. Swansea, largely through Aled Williams, had mesmerised the Cardiff defence in the first 20 minutes, a penalty try and a score by Taylor, both converted, a reward for their efforts, Cardiff responding with three penalty goals by Jarvis.

Then, within two minutes of the second half starting. Walker completed the movement of 70 metres that Jarvis and Owain Williams had began tentatively. Four times Walker might have been stopped on. his 60-metre run. Four times he got away, balancing on the finest of tightropes on the touchline. A stiff breeze might have been enough to nudge him into touch, but on he went. It was a great try.

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Ignored by the Wales selectors, he has often made his own personal statement by scoring wonderful tries. This try simply made a mockery of a selection policy that has seen two centre threequarters play



Walker: talented

out of position for Wales and who have been made to look, dare I say, hopelessly out of place. There is no substitute for pace: Walker has it. Genuine footballing ability is of nature; Walker has been born with it. The sad part for Walker and the sense of deep injustice that he must feel is that the selectors have not been able to recognise these gifts. Wales would have been richer for his presence.

This try put Cardiff into the lead. By the sixtieth minute, Justin Thomas and Hall had added two more. With Jarvis inevitably converting both and adding another penalty goal, the contest was, it seemed, over, but Swansea revived and, with tries by Taylor and Moore, one converted by Williams, they were almost able to turn the tables.

SCORERS: Cardiff Tries: Walker, Thomas, Half Conversions: Jarvis (3) Penelty goals: Jarvis (4) Swensea: Tries: Taylor (2), Moore, penelty by Conversions: Williams (3).

CARDIFF: J Thomas, N Walker, M Hall, L Davies, S Hill: L Jarvis, R Howley, A Lewis, J Humphreys, L Mustoe, H Taylor, D Jones, N Stewart, G Jones, O Williams SWANSEA: M Back, A Harris, M Taylor, S Globs, Simon Davies, A Williams, A Booth; I Buckett, G Jenkins, S Evans, R Appleyard, S Moore, P Amold, A Reynolds, Stuart Devices

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Bath coach pours cold water on record win

By Peter Bills

SCRUTINY of this scoreline from the Courage Clubs Championship would surely invoke undiluted delight from the Bath management. A 12-try haul and record league win despite teeming rain. supreme form from Catt and Guscott, the playmakers-inchief, and another barnstorming display up front by Lyle, the American seemed ideal.

Not a bit of it. Sale fielded a second team, denuded of their leading performers by a fixture pile-up of seven games in 24 days, and Andy Robinson, the Bath coach, dismissed an afternoon's deeply unsatisfy-ing rugby of 91 points by saying: That tells us nothing about Bath rugby club. It was a nothing game, the challenge wasn't there. Just an exhibition match."

Robinson knows that, unless the season is restructured, Bath could be in the same plight next winter as Leicester and Sale this season. "You will get the same mess for the successful teams, because, if a side does well in Europe and the Pilkington Cup, it will have at least five games to catch up - more if the weather

Robinson advocates two midweek matches in September - when grounds and players are in peak condition - and a Christmas league fixture to attract the crowds. That Bath should confirm their qualification for Europe

in such a lop-sided contest.

does Sale's contention that their league match with Leicester on Saturday for the last Heineken Cup place means more than the Pilkington Cup final a week later. Happily, some things in

devalues the league. So, too,

rugby never change, such as the combative intensity of New Zealanders. John Mitchell, the Sale coach, once of Waikato, described his young reserves' capitulation as "a totally gutless performance that is very hard to swallow". and promised a protracted and physically vicious training session this week.

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replaced by D Hellon (71); Webster replaced by A Long (76).

SALE: A Griffin; M Moore, S Years, D Wright, S Verbickas; N Ryan, J D'Reilly; A Yales, L Hewson, M Driver, N Ashurst, S Fletcher, R McCertney, A Morts, M Karathana, Griffin replaced by J Aoby (51); Karathana replaced by P Sanderson (51); O'Reilly reclared in M Waveth (59). Diffee Referee: C White (Gloucestorshire).

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scored by Bath - unless he conjures up a fresh team. have preferred a few more can begin to see a return on his manding examination. Safe in mid-table after a kicks to the corner to put extra substantial investment. An-"A lot will depend on how have at their disposal. season of hard games, his players are jaded. There were pressure on the opposition. Gloucester led 10-6 at halfdrew accepts that given "the the players adapt to the pace of They were overpowered by frightening quality of players the first division week in week a lot of tired people out there time with a try by Carter, a and teams" in the top flight, out," Andrew said. "We have mala who, once he abandoned on the pitch this afternoon," he conversion and penalty goal Sir John's resources will be players who can cope, but it is his battering ram role, disall very well raising yourself said. "They were dragging from Mapletoft to two penalty called upon again over the played some delightfully subtheir heels ... no zip, no

scored a try after a minute of added time, but a series of penalties inside the Bristol 22 opened the way for a matchsaving try from close range by later. Mapletoft kicking the conversion that levelled the

SCORERS: Gloucester: Tries: Carter, Lloyd. Conversions: Mapletoft (2). Persity gods: Mapletoft (2). Bristol: Tries: Lewsey, Maggs. Conversions: Burke (2). Pensity goals: Burke (2).

GLOUCESTER: C Cetting: M Peters, C Emmerson, D Caskin, M Lloyd: M Mapletott, S Benton; A Wando, J Hawker, A Peacon, P Guarville, R Fidler, D Sms. N Carter, S Devereux Benton replaced by L

clubs, after all. BRISTOL: J Leusey, P Hull, F Waters, K Maggs, B Bresco; P Burle, D Devidrioy, D Harlans, B McConnell, K Fulmen, D Contery, P Adams, J Browings, R Colless, E Rollist, Collins replaced by C Short (41min): Bristol, who are gearing themselves up for the playoffs, did. however, produce short bursts of activity in the second half that brought some

seeking fresh legs of seeing Jim Brownrigg

deputise splendidly for Simon Shaw, their injured British Lion, at lock. He was particularly successful in the lineout. which infuriated Hill, who was banking on much more possession from his own He was also unhappy at the

lack of skill that his players showed when they did get possession. With the pitch and ball both greasy, he would

goals from Burke. Lewsey gave Bristol the lead with a try from a five-metre scrum. Burke converted, but Mapletoft made it 13-13 with

another penalty goal.

It seemed as if Bristol had seized victory when Maggs Mike Lloyd, three minutes

Andrew already raising the stakes

London Scottish......20 By Mark Souster

BY NATURE, Rob Andrew is a conservative fellow, but even he acknowledged that, although it is statistically possible, there is more chance of him landing on the moon than Newcastle not making it to the first division of the Courage Clubs Championship.

So, step one of the revolu-tion is complete, the first target achieved and Sir John Hall augment what is already a formidable squad, adding to the 19 full-time professionals at Kingston Park. "There are areas that need

looking at and we will bring in new blood," Andrew said, after London Scottish had been wiped out in an 11-try deluge. It was the seventh occasion this season that Newcastle freewheeled their way past 70 points, ripping apart the soft underbelly of the second division on their way to the promised land, which will offer an altogether more de-

summer as the club looks to for a one-off game; we need to see how they are after 12 league and European games on the trot." Certainly, Newcastle, even

without three of their British Isles representatives - Alan Tait, Tony Underwood and Doddie Weir - all of whom were injured, and two other internationals - Garath Archer and Pat Lam - were a class apart from a brave but ultimately limited London Scottish side, which has equally grand plans for the future and would dearly love to obtain players. Scots ideally, of the quality that Newcastle

tle touches. The Scots were reeling after conceding a try in the third minute and 21 points in the first quarter, with two tries provided by the combative Armstrong, and another by Graham, his Scottish colleague. Once they had been softened up, it was virtually a procession.

procession.

SCORERS: Newcastle: Tries: Amstrong (2), Tuigamala (2), Graham, Walton, Childs, Bortloy, Amold, Strmpson, O Nolli Conversions: Andrew (5), Strmpson (3), Lordon Scottish: Tries: Lee, Hurter, Start, Conversion: Lee Penalty goat: Loe
NEWCASTLE: T Strmpson: J Bentley, M Shaw, V Tuigamala, G Childs: R Andrew, G Amstrong, N Pooplewell, R Nesdale, G Graham, S O'Nell, R Metcallo, D Ryon, R Amold, P Weaton Shaw replaced by A Blyth (Samin); O'Nell replaced by H Vyvyan (70)
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Tartuck, Robinson replaced by C Morley
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(55), Mackenzle replaced by J McLettan
(66).

Coventry maintain upward mobility

By NICOLAS ANDREWS

THE introduction of play-offs has done wonders for the clubs just below the top of the Courage Clubs Championship second division. Coventry and Bedford always faced the tallest of orders, attempting to hang on to the coat-tails of Richmond and Newcastle. Both, how-

ever, have a fighting chance of playing first-division rugby next season.

Already assured of fourth place, Bedford chose to rest several members of their first XV for their final league match. Rayer, Offiah, Turner, Paramore and Straculi were among those absent, as

Bajak and Roussouw made debuts. They needed a rest," Geoff Cooke, the director of rugby at Bedford, said. "They have been battered all season. You have

got to operate a squad system; there was no attempted subterfuge on our part." Fresh players or not, Bedford face Bristol over two legs next week, having lost their last three matches. "I am disappointed that the season has rather

tailed off," Cooke said. "I'd have liked to have sustained some momentum." Coventry have done just that and, against an in-form London Irish, they will need it. "We have proved ourselves the third-best side in the second division," Derek Eves, the player-coach, said. "Not many people would have given us that at the start of the season. We are improving again. We'll be a first division

side next year - no doubt about it." Coventry have played impressively at home all season and, with the back row in commanding form, this result was never in doubt. "We should have won by 50 points," Eves said. In less slippery conditions, they might have done. Harris opened up the defence to put

converted that and kicked a penalty goal to pass Peter Rossborough's club points record for a season. A further penalty goal brought Harris his 300th point before Robinson nipped through a hole in the Bedford defence. Harris converted.

Fifteen minutes into the second half Platford went over from a forward drive for Bedford, but, with Pfluger missing every kick at goal, there was no way back. McAdam scored two more Coventry tries before Pfluger partially redeemed himself with the game's final score.

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BEDFORD: M Cook, R O'Ned, M Oliver, S McCarne, C Bajaic H Pfluger, R Stone; L Mansell, N McCarthy, J Probyn, M Uber, N Haddoy, M Denne, M Popper, N Roussouw, Upox, replaced by S Platford (41mm); Stote replaced by A Matchett (82): McCarthy replaced by F Bibby (82). Doans replaced by R Winters (84) Reference: A Roudon (Borkstree).

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man who gave England courage and conviction

ewspapers say it's an indi-vidual thing. It is not. It's a collective thing. It's a team, a group, it's the pride of brothers. We must not leave people on the ground. Never leave a colleague down. Look after each other. Protect each other.

Words from one of Will Car-ling's pre-match speeches, delivered in something close to a whisper. 'He was

Finishing in a pin-drop silence that lasts a minute. rugby union's Those words, delivered in private. and recorded by

privileged observer, tell us what Carling is about Carling the rugby player. I mean, Carling the rugby captain. Carling has ful-filled many roles in national and sporting life, but, in these words, ordinary enough in all conscience, we can hear a Harfleur conviction. It was this sense of conviction

that got him there, and that kept

him there: 72 caps for England, an

first star Frank Keating, a

clubbable and self-admiring cir-

avoids trouble. The odd thing is that Carling

captain. He resigned as captain last year and had an unexpected final fling, one of the boys at last,

under the new captain. Phil de Glanville. Now, with the sense of timing that has only occasionally deserted him, he announces his retirement from the international game. It is a

significant passing. Carling was rugby union's first star. Others, such as Richards and Campese, have been cult figures. But Carling was known outside the

cles of rugby union: he became rugby's Botham, rugby's Gazza, Far better behaved of course, and, for that matter, far more consistent, if far less inspired than either as a player. But it is a rule of celebrity: nobody that famous

has never been a poser, never

Off the field as much as on it, Will Carling made an indelible mark as

captain of the national team. Simon Barnes salutes his contribution

really an extrovert. There is still a trace of shyness in him. It is a pleasant aspect of an altogether

agreeable man,
Carling was swift to read the
winds of fame. Geoff Cooke, the former England manager, made him captain at the age of 22. Carling was a smoothie subaltern at the time, and English rugby was both a backwater and a national disaster area. Cooke was to change all this through coherence, consis-tency and Carling. Carling surfed the wave with

elan. He saw the growing impor-tance of sport in national life, the growing success of the England team, and placed himself at the crest of it all. It was, in the Eighties-speak of the time, a window of opportunity, and Carling leapt through it. Fame for Carling was, at least at the beginning, neither a gift nor a

curse but a commercial asset. He founded a company called, initially, Inspirational Horizons, and he gave "motivational talks" to businessmen. Your chance to meet Will

Carling; the company pays.

And no doubt he gave, and gives, value for money, for he is not a man likely to put himself in the wrong in so obvious a fashion. Carling, by delving into the busi-ness-community heartland of his sport on his own account, offended the purists in rugby union who felt he was defiling the sacred things of amateurism. Surely it is for administrators to wheedle money out of business, not players. There was a strong sub-current of opinion in rugby that it would be a good thing if England in general and Carling

in particular were to fail. Thus the gap between players. and administrators, always wide in this sport, stretched to Grand

Canyon width. If an administrator wanted to see what rugby was coming to, he had only to look at Carling, cheekily driving a Mercedes, and one he had earned by the sweat of his increasingly

famous brow. They would have got rid of them a long time ago if they could, many of the dinosaurs, but Carling had the loyalty of Cooke, and of the players, the pride of brothers. And his form on the field was wonderfully consistent: he was never arrogant or foolish enough to put himself in the wrong that way, either. Never a spectacular player. his best asset with the ball in his hands was his ability to break a tackle and unload to Underwood outside him. It was in the less noticeable area of defence that he truly excelled: as hard in the tackle

as any back that ever played. But fame is ever a two-edged sword, and Carling was caught, and memorably, twice over. Trip-ping each time, it must be said, over the Achilles' heel of his own vanity. Well, who could resist a princess? The Princess-led

'He was

undone by

the media'

downgrading of the Royal Family and the Carling-led upgrading of rugby and sport in national life: it had to happen.
It was Carling's charm, his willingness to please, that caused him to drop

the infamous re-

mark in which, off

the record, he

described the Rug-by Football Union committee as "old farts". As with the Princess business, he was undone by the media's sneakiness: the tape was still running and was broadcast.

Five years ago, it would have been the end for Carling. But as ever. Carling was uncannily lucky in his timing. As players rallied beside him and sport's opinionformers spoke out for him, it

turned out to be the beginning of the end of the old farts

Rugby union still struggles over the transition to professionalism, but at least it is now a battle fought without hypocrisy. And the breakthrough was made, if inadvertently, by Carling. He was England's first modern rugby player; now, as the sport moves uneasily into the

post-modern era. he has stepped down. It had to come. Already. with the passing of Cooke, the coherence and the lovalty within the England

team had gone. Carling's rather touching attempts to reinvent himself this season as a stand-off give away his own restlessness, his own sense that an era of his life, perhaps the defining one, has ended. He is a decent man as well as a fine player and captain: one wishes him luck.

Not that he will need it. He has always had the nous to make his

Carling gets his timing right

By David Hands, Rugby correspondent

WILL CARLING, who, during the past decade, has become the most visible face that English rugby has known, confirmed yesterday that he would play no more internationals. Thus, a player who made 72 appearances for his country and led them on a world-record 59 occasions, leaves the stage on which he has helped to transform a national sport.

The decision, though widely expected, comes earlier than Carling himself suggested when, last month, during preparations for what turned out to be his last cap, against Wales in Cardiff, he said that he would give himself the summer in which to reflect. However, if it is in his own interests that he has decided now, it is also in those of the England management, who can plan the redevelopment of their midfield on tour in Argentina next month.

It is not given to all leading sportsmen to choose the moment for their departure; most of those involved in team sports have the decision thrust upon them by selectors, coachthough, has always possessed a shrewd notion of his own worth, both in playing as well as business terms, and he can perceive as well as anyone the

queue forming behind him. There also comes a time when there is no more to achieve in one's chosen sport. "Maybe some players postpone the decision to stop because they are too frightened to let go of the routine and, to an extent, the status that goes with being a highprofile player," Carling wrote in the Mail on Sunday, to whom he has contributed a regular column for several

years, yesterday. "I believe it is far better to let go than have it ripped from you ... You know inside when

it is time to go. You just lose that edge, the drive that forced you ahead of the others."

The goal this season for Carling has been to prove his worth in playing terms, by retaining his England place having relinquished the captaincy at the end of the 1996 five nations' championship.

The next World Cup is still two years away and Carling acknowledges that there are other imperatives now: his developing business interests. created on the back of his rugby fame, and his domestic circumstances (he and Ali



Cockayne, his girlfriend, are expecting their first child). He will, however, continue to play for Harlequins. No player retains his best

form over ten seasons, but Carling, first capped against France in 1988, has done better than most. During that time, England's playing fortunes have soared to three grand slams, two triple crowns and a World Cup final in 1991. If there was a blip in Carling's career, it came in 1993, when England's championship return was modest and his own stock declined during the British Isles tour to New Zealand. when he lost his place to Scott

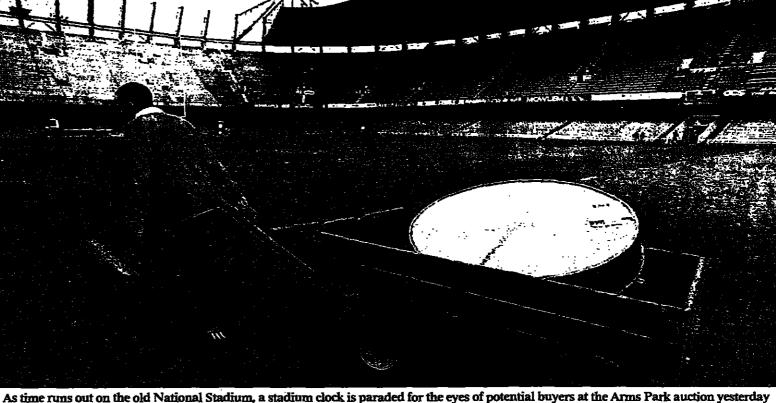
Gibbs. of Wales. "I'm still a bit surprised in one sense, because he still has something to offer England," Geoff Cooke, the former England manager, said yesterday. Carling hinted to Cooke, the man who appointed him England captain at the age of 22, a formight ago that he had made up his mind, and Cooke understands the desire to retire on his own terms.

"If the hunger is not there, you don't want to linger," Cooke said. "but what always stood out for me was Will's sheer mental toughness, his determination to be the best. He was a winner. Right from the early days, he had the touch of steel which is so important in the top-class game. Other players during his time brought different qualities to the role of captain, but Will's record demands that he be up there among the best in the world."

Carling's decision will come as a relief to Jack Rowell, Cooke's successor as England manager and now the team coach. The decision to pair him with Phil de Glanville, the captain this season, was made to ensure a strong central focus for a refurbished team. but it brought two similar players together and limited the opportunities for the gifted Jeremy Guscott and the potential of Will Greenwood, two centres who will tour with the

Lions this summer.

Now Rowell cannot be stigmatised as the man who dropped a national institution and can concentrate in Argentina on developing the next strata of England midfield players - Nick Greenstock, Matt Allen, Jos Baxendell alongside de Glanville. At the same time, he knows that he has Guscott and Greenwood available when it comes to selection for the demanding string of November internationals against South Africa. New Zealand and Australia.



Sporting era ends with bric-a-brac sale

ANYONE arriving at Cardiff Arms Park yesterday with an eye for a nostalgic bargain would have been severely disappointed by the fixtures and fittings of a century. Not even the most ardent Welsh romantic could get dewy-eyed about a Zanussi chip fryer or a Numatic vacuum cleaner, however many great days of passion they had seen down the years.

For all the cheery auctioneering cries of "this is history. this is history", the bowels of a modern stadium are not, on the whole, the stuff of legend. The old wooden locker that belonged to Barry John and bore the fistprint of some irate forward from long ago disappeared in the last redevelopment, to be replaced by a more functional changing-room of aluminium pegs and formica benches. The smell of linament just about survived

from the Swalec Cup final the previous day, but plastic does not absorb smells as readily as massive indent on the £60 million that the WRU owes to oak. The old metal teapot (without lid) looked as if, like Welsh rugby, it had seen better days, but sadly it was not for sale -- unlike Welsh rugby, some might say.

A desultory crowd of about 200, well below what the Welsh Rugby Union and Henry Butcher, the auctioneers, had hoped, toyed rather selfconsciously with a list of imitation pot plants, crockery, carnets and chairs. The atmosphere was more Sunday car boot sale than Sotheby's, though the family silver was being pawned to pay for the extravagance of the next gen-

The first lot, a mahoganyfinish four-section cloaks unit, fetched £25, a pair of partglazed doors a tenner and a quantity of glasses ("Gareth Edwards might have drunk from these, ladies and gentleBarclays Bank as its part of the £108 million development of the new stadium.

The main bidders in opening session were a couple rag-and-bone men from down Neath way, who had a canny eye for a good deal and cared not much for the "historic and unique" occasion advertised by Peter Cauldwell, the chief auctioneer. Nevertheless, items went briskly, some to souvenir hunters out for a day, others to more serious collectors, the majority to the sec-

ond-hand junk trade. For one man, the dismantling of a lifetime had a bitter poignancy. Tony Horne, the head groundsman at the Arms Park for the past 12 years, has invested more time than anyone in the 5,000 square metres of turf that provided the stage for so many of rugby's greatest names, and to watch it being

half bought by an Italian- comparison with any. Bouncrestaurateur for a mere song. tested his emotions to bursting.

those gates and feel the hairs on my neck stand up. I have 12 years of memories from here and I'll take them with me to my grave." His own highlight was the centenary celebration game in 1985-86 season, which brought the greatest international players together to play on his turf. "Everywhere you turned, there was another immortal," Home recalled. "It was brilliant."

From midnight last night, the National Stadium turned from a rugby citadel to a construction site - a designated hard hat area either way. At least there was a memorable curtain call for the Arms Park, a game of real passion between those old rivals, Cardiff and Swansea, graced by a

ing off one tackle, turning inside another, sprinting for the line over the desperate "It's very sad," he said. outstretched arm of the Swan-"Every day, I'd walk through sea full back, Walker, the Cardiff wing, etched one final memory on to the honours board. The try, as all great tries should, turned the match on its head, deflating Swansea

and lifting Cardiff. In January 1999 the new stadium will be ready, on the same site but rotated through 90 degrees and with a retractable roof. Mercifully, memories are portable, immune to the thud of the auctioneer's hammer. They will re-emerge to fill the new Arms Park (not the Millennium Stadium. please) along with the chip pan friers and imitation potted plants. Maybe the pockmarked old teapot will make the sentimental journey, too. John once drank from.

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Jones transforms Derbyshire with positive thinking

ing business. From April to September it consumes lives and minds. The players will see far more of each other than of their families and will come to know intimately the hopes and habits, secrets and lies, of their colleagues.

In such an environment, camaraderie is an essential. A club in which the component parts continually grate upon each other will advertise this disunity on the field. Unless they are a supremely gifted bunch, they will then inevitably underachieve when compared to a county whose players embrace that thing called team spirit.

It is a capricious virtue, one that comes more easily to the teams who win as a matter of routine. Adversity, though, is sometimes a powerful stimulus - just look at Sussex. dismissed as the natural wooden-spoonists this season and yet, with a rag-bag collec-tion of diehards and discards, taking charge of their fixture against Northamptonshire before the weather had the final say at Hove on Saturday, as it did everywhere else.

There are teams who will go on winning without spirit, of course, though Raymond

TIM LAMB has been a busy

man this week (Alan Lee

writes). Harassed, in fact.

Lamb, the chief executive of

the England and Wales Crick-

et Board (ECB), has had to

waste more time than he

would choose watering down

the inflated reaction to one

more speculative suggestion

about the future structure of

When, in one of many

interviews that he has given

on the subject, Lord MacLau-

rin, of Knebworth, the new

chairman of the board,

mooted that a system of two

randomly chosen leagues.

with play-offs, might be via-

ble, people who should know

Radio stations ran phone-

ins on the basis that this was

the future face of English

cricket. Ceefax, whose re-

sponse to newspaper stories

varies from hysterical to in-

visible, joined in the drum-

beating and Lamb was

seldom off his mobile phone,

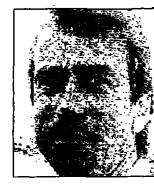
explaining to media outlets

that nothing had been

The newspapers were at it

better took this as gospel.

the county championship.



Championship Commentary

his early years would have done even better if the older players had ever bothered to speak to the youngsters. *Our team spirit was never good," he said, "but it might have been better if the senior players had at least stayed in the same hotel as the rest of us."

Champion teams have engendered spirit in individual ways. Middlesex, under Mike Brearley, had a diverse collection of players whose dressing-room relationships were abrasive but never exclusionist; Essex, under Keith Fletch-

either flimsy or misguided.

MacLaurin's suggestion, tak-

en at face value, would actual-

ly have the counties playing

more, rather than less. More

damagingly, it is portraying

diseased light. Of course, the

county structure requires

change, but the game is not in

crisis, as we are being led to

Lamb acknowledges this

concern. "We have consulted

widely on the issue and there

is a general consensus that we

need to do something, but no

consensus at all on how to do

it," he said. "The chairman

was simply outlining one or

tion is entirely out of

of the chief executive came

from the heart. "The time has

come when the talking must

stop," he said, "and the action

The most pertinent words

proportion."

must start."

believe by such fuss.

English cricket in an absurdly

Harassed Lamb taken plenty of supportive noise. to a media slaughter again yesterday - more tracts of proposals from the game's luminaries, apparent solutions to whatever alls the Much of the speculation is

> Arguably, nobody benefitted more than Chris Adams, who had his most prolific season and identified closely with Jones's methods. Yet, when the season ended, and the England selectors did not reward him with so much as an A-tour place, Adams intensified his efforts to leave the club, going so far as to threaten a case in the European Courts of Justice when

they declined to release him. Adams has stayed on sufferance, seething with trustration because he believes that his ambitions would be better whom he has no personal grievance, returned spring knowing that he had to remotivate a prime assets. It has not taken him long.

sion in The Rest team for the putative Test trial last weekend. Adams has quickly demonstrated that he will not be sulking or malingering. On Saturday he made a century at Canterbury against one of the strongest attacks in the championship. His partner.

behind legendary pranks and year, came Leicestershire and James Whitaker's triumph of bonding and self-belief among players more inclined to think themselves second-class.

Just behind Leicestershire came Derbyshire. It seemed hardly possible. They had won the title just once, 60 years previously: in addition, they had a downbeat image, a derided ground, had narrowly escaped bankruptcy only two years earlier and were notorious for dressing-room rancour. More players wanted to leave them than join.

Into this unpromising atmosphere came two Australians the shrewd Les Stillman, as coach, and the charismatic Dean Jones, as captain. We English had perhaps tended to underestimate Jones, accepting the flair of his batting but ignorant of the depths of his character. He was seen, in shallow terms, as a strutting, arrogant Aussie, but there is

far more to him than that. Jones tackled the problems of the Derby dressing-room square-on. He made it an excuse-free zone, insisting upon honest self-analysis rather than whingeing, and set the tone himself. He banned the players from using mobile phones and from sleeping during play - everyone had to watch the cricket and make

He also dropped the custom of fines for missed catches or turning up late and instituted encouragement awards - a whip-round of £2 a head every time someone made a century or took five wickets, the pool providing an end-of-season party. All this was designed to stress the positive rather than the negative and the response of his players is obvious.

Helped, perhaps, by incluvoluble and inspiring, in a

stand of 202, was Jones. With 89 needed and seven wickets intact, rain robbed Derbyshire of a remarkable victory. Jones was unbeaten on 99. The captain will regret the first loss, give little thought to the second and take immense and justified consola-tion from a far greater victory. He has recaptured the focus of Chris Adams. He has banished a serious threat to team spirit. Derbyshire's champ-ionship odds should be cut accordingly.



Moores offering tenacity and hope

Simon Wilde meets the new captain of Sussex, a team for which

Then Sussex dis-missed Alan Wells as captain last winter and catapulted themselves into the most turbulent six months of their history, the name of his successor, Peter Moores, raised barely a flicker of interest. There were, after all, more interesting things

The choice of Moores was widely perceived as Hobson's choice. He was the resident vice-captain and senior capped player, but, with so many members of the staff on their way to pastures new, there was scarcely a surfeit of alternatives. Moores, it was thought, had been in the wrong place at the wrong

That is not how Moores himself sees it. "It did not shock me getting the captaincy. though what went on around the captaincy did." he said. "I have always enjoyed captaining the side in my own mind. It was clear we needed pundits predict a season of struggle after a winter of upheaval were spent with Worcester-

Nor did Moore's appointment surprise Tony Pigott, who roused the members to "rise up" against the old committee and is now chief executive. He is a close friend. having roomed with Moores for seven years when they were team-mates and is godfather to his three-year-old daughter, Natalie.

"Peter is a very good pro." he said. "He is always positive and thinks deeply about the game. When we were playing together, he would help me with my bowling, whether I was doing badly or well."

to change. After all, we had

not won a trophy for ten

Moores, 34, is embarking on his fifteenth and most important season of county cricket. It has not been a smooth journey. The first two

shire, where Steve Rhodes was then brought in ahead of him, and when he moved to Hove he had three years deputising for Ian Gould.

He eventually established himself as a competent wicketkeeper-batsman whose career average dwells in the lower twenties, but has had his critics. During the winter, Robin Marlar, now Sussex's chairman, claimed Moores was not as good behind the stumps as Martin Speight. who left to fulfil his wicketkeeping ambitions at Durham.

But Moores is nothing if not tenacious. Last July he was left out for one Axa Equity & Law League game. so that Speight could be given a chance with the gauntlets. His response was to score a

defiant, unbeaten championship century against Surrey six days later. He was not dropped again. Peter is different off the

pitch than on it," Pigott said. "He is popular with the members, who probably think he is just a nice, unassuming man. But on the pitch he shows terrific enthusiasm. He would run through a brick wall for you Only those who have played with him would know Promotion has given

Moores greater confidence and he exudes an impressive self-assurance when he talks about his ambitions for a team that is so ravaged that it is not supposed to have any. What I am emphasising to the players is the need for a

different mental approach.

would never praise me in

public, either. If anything, he

ourselves to play well under pressure, which can be hard in county cricket, which is something of a marathon. We must try to get away from the fear of failure. We are here to play and to enjoy ourselves." Judging by the spirited

performance they gave in the opening championship game against Northamptonshire, the Sussex players are doing just that. "What I am endeavouring to do is be honest and fair," Moores added. "If you talk straight with the players. they will know you are doing your best for the club. I will be looking to the likes of Bill Athey and Neil Taylor for advice but want to encourage the players to think about the wider game and, to an extent, captain themselves.

"We have always been labelled under-achievers. If we can now over-achieve. perhans we will create the envicoming into the side catch the

Lloyd catches eye with rapid-fire success

By DEREK HODGSON

MY FIRST sight of Graham Lloyd was on a bleak and gloomy third afternoon at Headingley, when Yorkshire felt that they had saved a Roses match. Lancashire had lost early wickets in chasing something like 140 off 20 overs and, when young Lloyd appeared at No 6 or 7, they were needing ten an over.

Young Bumble", as he was known, in reference to his father, David, now the England coach, had been spoken of as a comer since his Accrington boyhood. Graham first appeared in that club's under-13 team when nine years old and made his Lancashire League debut at 14, hatting against Test professionals. We were probably expecting a right-handed version of David.

The next half-hour was an eye-opener as Graham, little known to Yorkshire. flayed their bowling with astonishing verve, nerve and power. He still smiles at the memory. "Aye. I enjoyed that: I middled it right away and we very nearly got there," he said.

Now 27, he has become to look more like his father on and off the field, the youthful chubbiness pared away. He is a sharply focused player, extremely aware of his strength engths in this past year have

He hit 241 against Essex last year, the first hundred coming off 70 balls. He took 76 balls to reach a hundred against Yorkshire a fortnight ago, 151 to complete a score of 225. In the opening Britannic Assurance county championship match, against Durham last Wednesday, he needed 80 balls for 102.

Lloyd does more than score quickly; he gets very big scores quickly. Such turbo-charged batting attracted his father and the England selectors last



Lloyd: sharply focused

appeared in two Texaco Cup matches, against Pakistan. He scored two not out and 15, and said: "I found it difficult at that level, especially against their right-hand spinner. Saqlain.

as good as the majority. My advantage is that I do get to middle the ball early and can then hit quickly. I'm always anxious to keep the score moving. I have had a couple of quiet years, but last summer I felt I was running into my best form so far.

"I was especially pleased with my 81 in the NatWest semi-final. We had lost a few wickets and I had to take care and concentrate and was forrunate enough to put on a few with John Crawley that helped

us to win." Today Lancashire begin the defence of the Benson and Hedges Cup against Yorkshire. David Graveney, the chairman of selectors, David Lloyd and the other selectors will be checking the candidates for the Texaco Cup squad to face Australia this summer.

Last year, when Graham Lloyd was chosen, he learnt of his selection from the television screen. Could his father not have given him a call?

"Obviously he's been a big influence, but most of the lads

here have fathers who've played league or cup cricket. Mine happened to be at Lancashire for 17 years, so the situation's always been a little difficult, if not delicate, with my father bending over backwards not to be accused of nepotism."

Graveney and the England coach must be keen to see how the young Lloyd, now overflowing with confidence, might handle the Australia attack. David Lloyd was the England opener who took on the full fury of Dennis Lille and Jeff Thomson, after Geolfrey Boycott had temporarily retired, in Australia in 1974-75. "They knocked seven bells out of me," David will admit, ruefully. Could the son, 22 years later, ring those seven bells for England?

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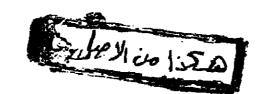
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Languorous Leicester completely outplayed

By Alan Lee, cricket correspondent

ESTER (Leicestershire toss): Gloucestershire LEICESTER (4pis) beat Lcicestershire by

ON A sweltering day at Chel-tenham last July, Gloucester-shire amassed their highest ever Sunday score, but were still beaten by Leicestershire with three overs to spare. They made 48 runs lewer in the corresponding fixture yesterday, but it was more than sufficient to achieve what must be thought one of the upsets of the opening round.

Leicestershire, requiring 237 on a blameless surface and in bright sunshine, declined (eebly to 125 for nine. For the home crowd, at least, it was as well their team had not batted first, or such entertainment as there was would have been embarrassingly short-lived.

It would be an understatement to say Gloucestershire seldom shine at Sunday cricket. One of only three counties ver to win the league, they habitually camp in the lower reaches of the table. Here, however, they overwhelmed a team apparently far bener

equipped. Leicestershire played as teams tend to do in August if their interest in the prizemoney has gone. They were langurous and undisciplined. As this is still April and Grace Road is still buzzing with championship memories, it was a puzzling performance. one sure to have dressingmom repercussions.

It is not enough for them to claim they are missing their overseas player. Phil Simmons was highly influential last year but the club has been pursuing an unknown South African all-rounder named Neil Johnson with almost unhealthy vigour. He would have made little difference here - and, anyway, Gloucesboth Courtney Walsh and Andrew Symonds.

Leicestershire's recent record in all one-day cricket is shocking and it will be concerning everyone at this ambi-tious club. They began well enough yesterday. James Whitaker won the toss, his players burst from the pavilion in their new parrot-col-oured strip and Gloucestershire, perhaps dazzled, subsided to an unpromising 146 for five after 30 overs.

Monte Lynch, in his standand-deliver style, had gone in first and struck an uncomplicated 42 but his bizarre dismissal, miseuing a high full-toss as Dakin's slower half malfunctioned, began an ominous slide. Young and Russell were out to strakes they would rather forget during a single over of left-arm spin from Brimson, who then had Cunliffe neatly stumped.

The catalyst of change was Mark Alleyne. He had made an unavailing century in the Cheltenham fixture last year and now bestrode the closing overs while Wright and then Hancock blazed away with him. Hancock's 36 came from only 18 balls and included 21 in an over from Gordon Parsons. who for once looked his age.

Vince Wells chipped the first ball of the reply to extra-cover, where Alleyne dived to catch him, and Leicestershire never recovered. They lost Whitaker, pulling frustratedly, and Maddy, crazily run out, in the sixth over and Nixon in the eighth. Few teams, even those with Leicestershire's self-confidence, come back from 19 for

Young, bowling with rhythm and life, took out the dangerous Habib and Dakin and the game died a meandering death, complete with jeering acclaim for Leicestershire's face-saving passing of



Barnett, heaten by a direct hit from Llong, was one of four Derbyshire batsmen to be run out at Canterbury

Walker weighs in to Derby attack

By PAT GIBSON

CANTERBURY (Kent won toss): Kent (Apts) bt Derbyshire by six wickets

Matthew Walker, the former Young England captain, had scored only one previous Sun-day League 50 — and that all of three years ago - as he sped Kent towards victory in the evening sunshine yesterday. His innings of 80, made from only 74 balls, enabled them to coast home with some 8½ overs to spare.

the kids happy.

his fighting weight is 13st and he was carrying considerably more than that when he weighed in for the new Not that his bulk has ever

affected his sporting prowess. He has captained England at IT WAS hard to believe that hockey at schoolboy level. played rugby for Kent, had football trials with Gillingham and Chelsea and in the championship last season he made 275 not out against Somerset, the highest score ever made by a Kent player at Surprising, then, that he

Sunday cricket seems to be did not make more than 27 in made for Walker who, with-16 Sunday innings last year out wishing to be too unkind, and especially so in view of could double as Mr Roly Poly the way he played yesterday during the tea interval to keep after Derbyshire's self-destructing batsmen had left He stands only 5ft 6in but Kent a modest target of 185.

As ever, Fleming set the pace with a fusilade of shots, making 40 out of 67 off 42 balls with six fours, but then the left-handed Walker got into his stride, driving the ball handsomely on both sides of the wicket and cutting fiercely when Clarke, the leg spir.ner, pitched short. He struck ten fours in all before slashing

Ward had gone third ball, caught and bowled by Clarke, but Wells joined Walker in a third-wicket stand of 97 in only 15 overs which as good as settled the match.

Harris to deep backward

Wells, whose only alarm came when he drove a ball from Harris against his instep from where it almost rebounded onto the stumps, finished unbeaten on 56, scored at a run a ball with eight fours.

It all seemed so straightforward compared with the fre-netic Derbyshire innings which was sabotaged by four run-outs and would have been even worse than it was but for a first Sunday 50 by Gul Khan, the former Oxford University batsman, who had made a hundred against Kent t Canterbury last season.

Barnett, DeFreitas, playing as a batsman only because of his groin strain, Krikken and Roberts were all run-out with varying degrees of culpability leaving the keen-eyed Khan to salvage what he could. He helped his captain, Jones, put on 60 for the fourth

wicket and went on to reach 61 not out, including a six and

Lewis ensures Surrey enjoy the lion's share

Michael Henderson sees gimmicks

fail to illuminate The Oval crowd

THE OVAL (Surrey won toss): Surrey (4pts) bt Somer-set by three wickets

HUGH ROUTLEDGE

IN the car park a man on stilts, "Professor Crump", is trying to spread a little happiness. Close by is a face painter, drumming up some colourful business. The Surrey and Somerset players are on the field, running. stretching and throwing. Roary", the club lion, wanders around the boundary edge. Three thousand people file in, indifferent to his

Adam Hollioake wins the toss and decides to have a bowl. To the strains of Carmina Burana he leads his players down the pavilion steps. "Let's hear it for the Surrey Lions!" says Jonny Gould, the miked-up master of ceremonies. Nadeem Shahid dances a jig with Roary rather self-con-sciously, like somebody who has been told to let his hair

Somerset, says Jonny, have agreed to enter into "the spirit of things", and their opening batsmen walk out to the heavily amplified sound of a man drowning in a vat of boiling oil. This, it transpires, is their "theme song". Spectators pass round Thermos flasks and share sandwiches. "English

mustard, or French?" In the first over Michael Burns tries to turn a ball off his legs and supplies a catch. Over the PA somebody belches. It turns out to be a lion's roar. "Alec Stewart, catching a snick there," Jonny tells us. An over later Stewart holds another catch. there is another eructation, and Chris Lewis, the successful bowler, charges towards fine leg where Shahid comes to greet him. On meeting they slap palms, and laugh.

Graham Rose hits a four. Four runs there, to Graham Rose," says Jonny. The sun comes out. "The sun has come out," says Jonny. The elder Hollioake spoils a chance to make a catch at

mid-on by diving unneces sarily. "A great effort there by Adam Hollioake", says Jonny, "Cheer on the Surrey

Somerser's innings never really gets going. Ian Salis-bury takes a couple of wickets and the Hollioakes snaffle a few down the order. Somerset are bowled out for 180. "So Surrey must make 181 for victory" says Jonny, for the benefit of the less numerate. In the tea interval there is no sign of Roary. Perhaps he is snoozing.

Ally Brown and Mark Butcher open the batting for Surrey. "The sun is shining and all is well with the world," says Jonny. He congratulates Margaret on her birthday - or rather, he offers "big Surrey birthday greetings." Nobody stirs. Brown hits three booming

fours and is then out. No belch this time. A familiar figure replaces him, who is introduced as "a legend in his time, Mr Alec Stewart.' Both Butcher and Stewart are said to be "Londoners in every sense" and, to prove it, the crowd is told they support London football teams. But they fall leg before to Rose, who bowls with zip. and Somerset suddenly realise the game is there to win.

Caddick comes on at the Pavilion End and is soon winging the ball past the bat. Hollioake nicks one to Turner and Thorpe, starved of width to cut, is "pressed" for room and plays on. Surrey are 69 for five and even reminders that the sun is shining fail to cheer up the Surrey members.

It needs an innings from Chris Lewis to see Surrey to their target, and he makes 68 not out from 64 balls to help them reach it from the last ball, a wide. Lewis bounds off, crossing himself, and enjoying the applause of some overheated spectators. "It doesn't get more exciting than this," Jonny says before the final ball.

As if to crown his own day,

Mighty Moody turns on the power

By Jack Bailey

TRENT BRIDGE (Worcestershire won toss): Worcestershire (4pts) heat Notting-

hamshire by seven wickets TOM MOODY, the Worcestershire captain and destroyer of many an attack in the Sunday League, overcame the problems set by a slow pitch by going through with his strokes no matter what. This resulted in a number of mistimed shots falling between fielders, but it also proved to be the main pillar in Worcestershire's victory, achieved with eight balls to spare.

Moody's 89 came from 97 balls and contained two vast sixes and seven fours. The crux of Worcestershire's effort, after Nottinghamshire had been restricted to

18 overs between Moody and Graeme Hick. When Hick hit all round a ball from the excellent Tolley, who revelled in the challenge presented by playing against his old county. Notts were still in with a chance.

These two had been particularly severe on Bates, the Nortinghamshire off spinner, who went for 27 runs from his first three overs. Even when Hick was out. Moody, holder of the record number of Sunday runs scored in a season - 917 in 1991 - continued to hold sway. When he was finally caught at extra cover, only 37 runs were needed from nine overs. Spiring and Solanki saw Worcestershire safely home, despite some fine, tight bowling from Andy Pick.

Apart from Robinson's 30, full of nifty 183 for eight, lay in a partnership of 102 in nudges, Pollard's impressive 34 and 41

from Archer, which would have been considerably fewer had a first slip been posted early in his stay, the Nottinghamshire inings was notable for the running out of Dowman. It is the first time that the use of the third umpire has been responsible for a decision in the Sunday league, promoting all sorts of observations as to whether such a system should be in use for this televised match, but in none of the seven others being played

yesterday. There is little doubt that Dowman would still have got home had the protective matting covering another pitch not sent the ball bobbling straight into the hands of Lampitt, after it had appeared to be going out of reach. A rum do all round, then. Thereafter, the innings went according to the Sunday formula.

Essex relying on traditional path

By Ivo Tennant

CHELMSFORD (Essex won toss): Essex (4pts) beat Hampshire by three wickets

IT IS not at every ground that gimmickry will prevail on Sundays. When the Lions, the Bears and any other high-faluting sides come to Chelmsford, they will be referred to on the scorecard and over the tannoy system strictly by the proper names of the counties. There will be no music, jungle roars or floodlights, merely a game of cricket.

The next thing that will be introduced will be bouncy castles and hurdles on the outfield," Peter Edwards, the Essex secretary/general manager, who also sits on the England and Wales Cricket Board's management committee, said.

We are trying to mend something that isn't broken. The fact that cricketers have been wearing white clothes for 150 years is a good thing in a fast changing world. pectators don't need all these gimmicks."

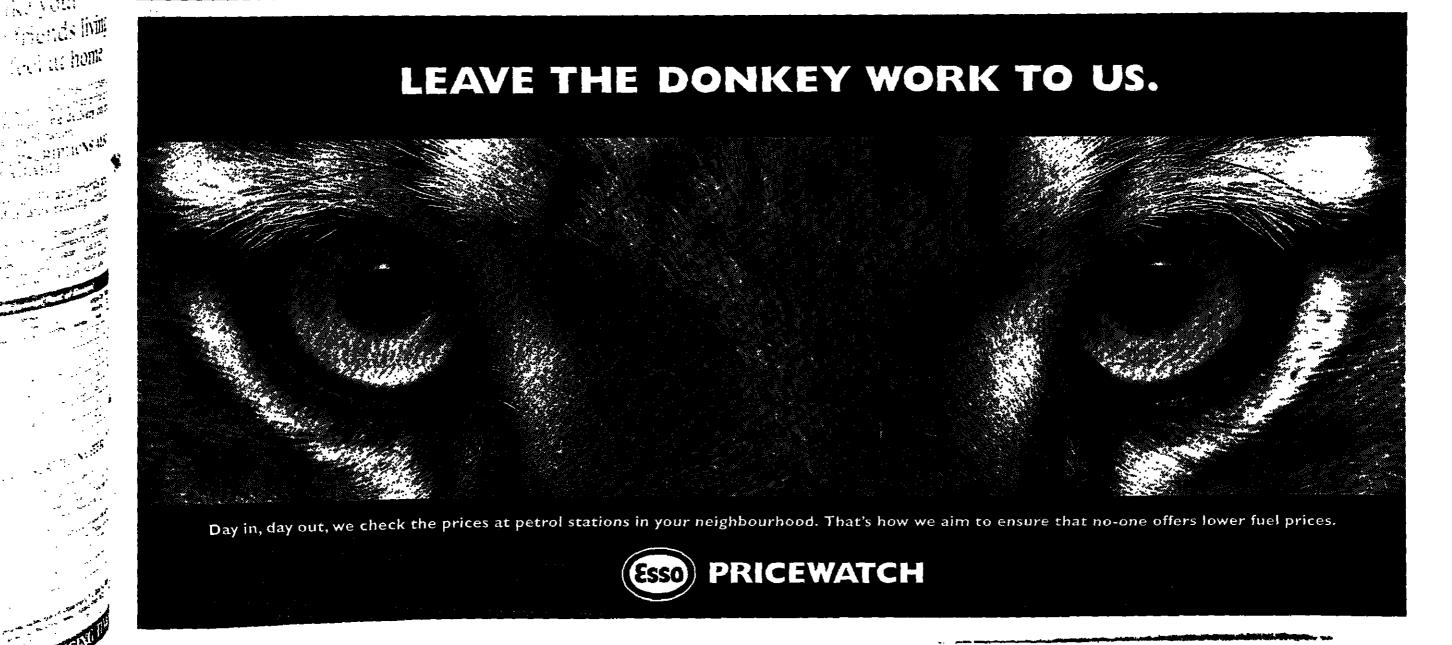
Essex have agreed to play their Axa Life match at Hove in June under floodlights. but not with wholehearted enthusiasm. "I am amazed Sussex have been given planning permission," Edwards said. We would never receive it here. And the notion of music in Sunday matches is horrendous."

By contrast, Chelmsford yesterday staged a relatively low key affair. Hampshire, who were put in on a pitch that gave the bowlers less help than in the championship meeting last week, struggled to 71 for three off their first 20 overs and reached a respectable total only

through a partnership of 104 in 18 overs between Kendall and Keech, who are very much the future of Hampshire.

Keech struck one lovely straight six off Irani and, like Kendall, found the gaps without recourse to slogging. Aymes and Stephenson, whom not one spectator applauded in on his return to his former county, made useful runs.

Essex began in a similarly disjointed way. Stuart Law swung Renshaw into the river and was caught at the wicket in the same over, looking to steer him to third man. Hussain laboured over his 18 runs and only when Irani started to belt the ball around did Essex keep the required rate within sight. He. Grayson and Danny Law were all run out, but Robinson was given enough support to bring about victory in the final over.



By DEREK HODGSON

OLD TRAFFORD (Lancashire won toss): Lancashire beat Durham by 57 runs

THE seemingly unstoppable Graham Lloyd might have become the first batsman to have scored 1.000 runs in April. Absurd? His aggregate in all matches is 478 and he was possibly denied by the weather of a second championship innings against Durham. He has two more Benson and Hedges matches

before May Day. Yesterday, he scored his second century against Durham in four days, and if these scores — plus the 225 and 17 made against a second-string Yorkshire attack - do not convince the critics, they do

knocking on the door of the England selectors.

pull for six off Betts. Lloyd reached 134 before failing to carry mid-off, unknowingly having equalled the Lancashire individual Sunday record, set by an the 182 raised for the third unbeaten Clive Lloyd against Somerset in 1970, Lancashire wicket by Clive Lloyd and Harry Pilling on that same had lost both openers for 23. occasion 27 years ago. the England captain contrib-David Boon, the Durham uting two crisp fours.

captain-manager, had said of Lloyd, beginning four overs Lloyd last Wednesday: "He is after John Crawley, overtook him with two fours punched through mid-wicket off Betts. very hard to bowl at as he hits through the ball, but as a captain I would not like to see Like all the outstanding batshim bat like that all the time. men, he sees the ball early and He takes too many risks." can hit it late. He drove Boon will probably be pleased Boiling, the off spinner, to not see him bat again this despair with a series of controlled reverse sweeps, he drove or lifted the seam Durham then lost their openbowlers through the arc or

Somewhat shellshocked.

and celebrated his fifty with a more up to Boon, bristling defiance, and Roseberry to Crawley's 83, scored in 32 keep a good crowd amused into the evening. It was their overs and containing five first view of the new Sunday boundaries, was also a fine innings. The pair broke one uniforms. Durham now appear to be wearing blue Lancashire Sunday record. overalls while Lancashire, in

> could pass for Arsenal. Boon, driving straight, punished Austin and Martin in turn and was starting to lace into Green, the promising allrounder, when Green deceived him, the ball flying high for Hegg to take a catch running towards long leg. If there was a silver lining to

red shirts with white sleeves,

Durham's performance, it came in the batting of Roseberry, the captain last year, who showed confidence and power, playing like a man

webs from his mind. His winter coaching, from Don Bennett, is starting to pay

Roseberry hit Green for a straight six and reached his 50 with another off Martin. He was treated to a few lollipops in the closing overs and finished just short of a century. At no time did Durham

approach the required rate of almost seven an over. Lancashire's control was never tested, the match becoming an exercise before the start of their Benson and Hedges programme against Yorkshire at Old Trafford today.

Incidentally, the prize-money for the Axa Life champions this summer is £42,000, roughly what some footballers earn as a weekly wage.

SUNDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

AXA Life League

Essex v Hampshire CHELMSFORD (Essex won toss): Essex Hiplish beat Hampshire by three wickets

M L Hayden flow b Irani J S Laney c Hussam b Irani R A Smith b Such J P Stephenson not out

Extras (lb 8, w 3, nb 2) Total (5 wkts, 40 overs) ... K.D.James, S.D.Udal, S.J.Renshaw and C.A.Connor did not ball FALL OF WICKETS: 1-34, 2-42, 3-56, 4-

. 198

BOWLING: Cowan 6-0-24-0; llot: 8-0-54-0; Such 8-0-17-1, Irani 8-1-36-3; Grayson 8-0-33-1; D R Law 2-0-26-0

ESSEY P J Prichard flow b Stephenson . S G Law & Aymes b Renshaw N Hussain c Hayden b Udal C Iranı run out Grayson run out DR Law run out D D J Robinson not out M C flott a Stephenson b James A P Cowan not out Extras (to 13, w 14, nb 2) Total (7 wkts, 39.5 overs)202

tB J Hyam and P M Such did not bat. FALL OF WICKETS 1-19, 2-22, 3-82, 4-120, 5-129, 6-162, 7-184 BOWLING Stephenson 8-1-37-1. Renshaw 8-1-23-1, Connor 7-5-0-47-0, Udal 8-0-33-1, James 8-0-49-1 Umpires: J C Balderstone and V A Holder

Glamorgan v Warwickshire CARDIFF (Warwickshire won loss) Glamorgan (4pts) beat Warwickshire by 17 runs (Duckworth and Lewis method)

WARWICKSHIRE D P Ostler b Walkin
N M K Smith b Walkin
D R Brown b Dale
D L Hemp c Shaw b Walkin
"A J Moles c Partyri b Dale T L Penney h Croft †K J Piper not out A F Giles c Maynard b Watkin G Welch not out ... Extras (b.1, lb.8, w.7)

G C Small and A A Donald did not bet FALL OF WICKETS 1-3, 2-22, 3-28, 4-75, 5-75, 6-89, 7-112 BOWLING: Parun 8-1-25-0, Wattun 8-0-15-4 Thomas 4-0-27-0 Dale 3-2-18-2; Croft 8-0-26-1, Butcher 4-0-27-0

GLAMORGAN

A Date not out A Date nor out

H Morris run out

P A Cottey b Donald

"M P Maynard b Smith

G P Butcher not out

Extras (b 2, b 3, w 4, nb 4) Total (3 wkts, 20 overs) ... A W Evans, †A D Shaw, R D B Croft, S D Thomas, S L Wathin and O T Parkin did not bet FALL OF WICKETS: 1-42, 2-46, 3-80, Par Score To Win: 64 Runs

BOWLING: Welch 3-0-17-0, Brown 3-1-10-0; Small 7-0-24-0; Donald 5-0-22-1; Smith 2-0-3-1. Umpires M J Kitchen and D R Shepherd.

Kent v Derbyshire CANTERBURY (Kent won toss): Kent (4pts) beat Derbyshire by so wickets

DERBYSHIRE k. J. Barnett run out C. J. Adams c. Wells b. Ealharn "D. M. Jones b. McCague P. A. J. DeFreitas run out

G M Roberts run out . . . P Aldred c Wren b Strang Ertras (b. 1, lb 8, w 8, nb 2) Total (8 wkts, 40 overs) K J Dean did not bat.

0-18-1, Fleming 6-0-31-0; McCague 7-1-36-1; Strang 8-0-34-2; Llong 5-0-24-

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-21, 2-31, 3-39, 4-99, 5-127, 6-133, 7-135, 8-154

M V Fleming c Adams b Dean 40 M J Walker c Clarke b Hams . . . 80

G R Cowdrey low b Harris M A Eatham not out Extras (tb 3, w 3) ...

P 4 Strang, "1S A Marsh, M J McCague, N J Llong and T N Wren did not bet FALL OF WICKETS, 1-67, 2-75, 3-172,

BOWLING Dean 8-1-45-1; Aldred 4-0-27-0 Hams 7-1-42-2; Clarke 8-1-44-1; Roberts 4-3-0-24-0. Umpres K.E.Palmer and P.Willey

Lancashire v Durham OLD TRAFFORD (Lancashire won toss) Lancashire (4pts) beat Durham by 57 runs LANCASHIRE

JER Gallian c Collingwood b Killeen 1 M A Atherton c Rosebarry b Collingwood
J P Crawley b Betts
G D Lloyd c Boon b Walker H Fairbrother c Lewis b Boiling I D Austin run out tW K Hegg not out G Yales not out ____ Extras (to 10, w 2)

Total (6 wkts, 40 overs) R J Green, G Chapple and P J Martin did not bat FALL OF WICKETS: 1-13, 2-23, 3-220, 4-225, 5-250, 6-266. BOWLING: killeen 8-1-40-1. Belts 7-0-45-1. Collingwood 5-0-29-1. Boiling 7-0-43-1; Foster 5-0-54-0, Walker 8-0-47-

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P D Collingwood c Hegg b Martin

1M P Speight c Lloyd b Austin

D C Boon c Hegg b Green

M A Roseberry not out

N J Speak c Hegg b Chappfe

M J Foster c Green b Yales

J B Lewis not out

Extras (b 1, lb 11, w 4, rb 2) Total (5 wkts, 40 overs) M M Betts, J Boiling, N killeen and A FALL OF WICKETS 1-2, 2-23, 3-56, 4-103, 5-125

BOWLING: Austin 8-0-34-1; Martin 7-0-45-1; Green 8-0-36-1; Chapple 8-1-38-1; Yates 8-0-38-1, Gallian 1-0-8-0. Umpres. G I Burgess and R Palmer.

Leicestershire v Gloucestershire LEICESTER (Leicestershire wan (oss) Gloucestershire (4pts) beat Leicester

shire by 111 runs GLOUCESTERSHIRE

M C J Ball run out Edras (lb 8, w 11, nb 6) Total (8 wkts, 40 overs) J J Lewis did not ball FALL OF WICKETS: 1-43, 2-81, 3-117, 4-119, 5-139, 6-172, 7-220, 8-220

BOWLING, Multally 8-0-37-1; Parsons 8-0-65-0; Ormond 4-0-24-1, Dakin 6-0-35-1; Brimson 8-0-37-3; Wells 6-0-30-LEICESTERSHIRE V J Wells c Alleyne b Lewis

J Ormond c Trainor b Hancock G J Parsons not out A D Mullatly c sub b Ball M T Brimson not out Extras (To 1, w 9) Total (9 wkts, 40 overs) ... FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-17, 3-17, 4-19, 5-49, 6-49, 7-52, 8-87, 9-97. BOWLING: Lewis 8-0-33-2: Smith 6-2-14-2; Young 6-0-10-2; Ball 8-0-30-1; Hancock 8-0-25-1; Trainor 4-0-12-0

Nottinghamshire v Worcestershire

Umpires: JD Bond and JH

toss); Worcestershire (4pts) beat Nottinghamshire by seven wickels NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

C M Tolley b Lampiti
R T Gales b Haynes
W M Noon not out
K P Evans b Lampiti Extras (b 4, fb 9, w 13, nb 8) Total (8 wkts, 40 overs) .

R A Pick did not bat FALL OF WICKETS, 1-20, 2-67, 3-81, 4-116, 5-162, 6-170, 7-170, 8-176 BOWLING: Newport 8-1-20-0; Haynes 8-0-43-2; Chapman 8-0-38-1; Lampit 8-0-29-3; Leatherdale 4-0-24-1; Hick 4-0-18-0.

WORCESTERSHIRE T M Moody c Tolley b Downen =: 89 G A Hick b Tolley

Extras (lb 4, w 4) D A Leatherdale, G R Haynes, †\$ J Rhodes, S R Lamoitt, P J Newport and R J Chapman did not bar. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-110, 3-146; BOWLING Evans 7-0-31-0; Pick 8-1: 19-0, Bowen 4-0-25-0; Tolley 8-0-28-1; Bates 5-0-50-0; Dowman 6-4-0-29-1. Umpires: N T Plews and T E Jesty.

Surrey v Somerset THE OVAL (Surrey won toss): Surrey (4pts) beat Somerset by three wickets

SOMERSET M Burns e Stewart b Bicknell Total (37.4 overs)

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-6, 3-47, 4-73, 5-134, 6-136, 7-148, 8-153, 9-168, BOWLING: Bicknell 8-0-33-2; Lewis, 6-40-27-2; Tudor 4-0-26-1; B C Hollinaka 8-0-34-1; Safisbury 8-0-40-2; A J Hollinaka 3-0-11-2

SURREY D K Salisbury not out Extras (b 9, w 14) Total (7 wkts, 39.5 overs) 181; M P Bicknell and A J Tudor did not bat. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-21, 2-43, 3-46, 4-48, 5-69, 6-120, 7-123. BOWLING: Kerr 8-0-36-1, Rose 8-2-28-2; Caddick 8-1-25-2; Parsons 8-0-31-1; Burns 5-5-0-40-1; Trescothick 2-0-12-

Umpires: B Dudleston and J H Harris.

Sussex v Northamptonshire HOVE (Sussex won toss): North-amptonshire (4pts) beat Sussex by nine wickets

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K Greenfield c sub b Capel

V C Drakes c Warren b Taylor

N J Lenham c sub b Emburey

K Newell c Capel b Snape

J P Pyernorit c and b Snape

******P Moores b Snape

P W Javis c Cuiran b Emburey

P W Javis c Penberthy b Barley

A Khan not out Total (35.2 overs)

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-6, 2-85, 3-107, 4-107, 5-109, 6-109, 7-116, 8-146, 9-154 BOWLING: Mohammed Akram 6-2-21-0; Taylor 8-1-25-1; Snaps 8-2-31-4; Emburey 6.2-1-28-2; Bailey 4-0-18-1; Capel 3-0-28-1

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE M B Loye c Robinson b Khan68 A L Periberthy not out74 Total (1 wkt, 30.3 overs) TC Walton, *R J Bailey, D J Capel, †R J Taylor and Mohammad Alvam did not

FALL OF WICKET: 1-149 BOWLING: Drakes 6-0-25-0; Robinson 5-0-13-0; Khan 6.3-0-43-1; Jarvis 6-0-32-0; Phillips 6-1-33-0; Newell 1-0-7-0; Umpires. A G T Whitehead and G., Sharo

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to six runners-up

GUIDE TO THE WEEK AHEAD

WELSH LEAGUE: First division: Bridgend v Cardiff (7.0), Nowbridge v Llaneli (7.0)

RUGBY LEAGUE

BENSON AND HEDGES CUP (50 cvers)

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OTHER SPORT

RACING: Assot (2.30): Cheferhish (5.25), Exeter (2.20), Kolso (5.45): Pumpton (2.10) SNOOKER, Embassy world champion-shop (al Shoffedd).

SPEEDWAY: Elite League: Pook v Sain-don (7:30) Speedway Star Cup: king's Lynn v Ipsanch (7:30) Premier League Cup: Hull v Ednburgh (7:30); Long Earon v

Skegmess (7 45) TABLE TENNIS: World championships (a)

THURSDAY

RACING: Redox (2.30), Wolvertampton (2.15).
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SPEEDWAY: Premier League Cup: Shef-field v Edinburgh (7.45) TABLE TENNIS: Wond champeoxiches (at Management)

FRIDAY

BENSON AND MEDGES CUP (50 exers):
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OTHER SPORT

TODAY CRICKET Benson and Hedges Cup

CHELMSFORD: Essey v Glamorgan BRISTOL: Gloucestershire v British Universities DUBLIN (Castle Avenue): Ireland v OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire v TRENT BRIDGE; Nattinghamshire v

Durham THE OVAL: Surrey v Kent HOVE: Sussex v Hampshire WORCESTER: Worcestersh

BAIN HOGG TROPHY (one day). Bredford: Yorkshare v Lancashare FOOTBALL

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COURAGE CLUBS CHAMPIONSHIP: Fourth division south: Chattenham v ICS LEAGUE: Premier druision: Dog-ontum and Rectinadje v Grays UNIBOND LEAGUE: First division: Ashton United v Workington; Stocksbridge PS v Exchanged Town. WELSH LEAGUE: First division: Swanse v Camphily (70) AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First Mysion: Chelos v Swansos lat Kingstoniano, 70, Militali v Crystal Palacu (20), Quoens Park Rangers v Leton (at Human Brooch 70) RACING: Ascot (5 30); Sath (2 ti); Hunting-don (5 15); Notlingham (2 15) don (5 15); Nothingham (2 15) SNOOKER: Embassy world chumpon ships (at Sheffiold).

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inadequate 147 for seven. with strokemakers, but they might have been better served had they sent in the dependable Moles first instead of at No 5, by which time his side were

Glamorgan were declared winners 28 for three. Moles and Brown revived the innings with a fourth-wicket stand of 47. but both fell in the same over from Dale and it was left to Piper and Welch to provide the acceleration to semirespectability. Warwickshire managed

> Glamorgan were given a solid start by Morris and Dale, but their innings faltered once Donald was brought into the attack. Morris was run out by Brown at point when he had second thoughts about a single, Cottey played on to the aggressive Donald and

the required rate until the umpires led batting problems, their new captain.

second back operation in 26 months that will keep him out for two months.

ENDSLEIGH MIDLAND COMBINATION: Premier division: Studiey BKL v King's

(7 45)
SCHOOLS MATCHES: English schools Snickets individual schools under19 final: Moniscation HS v Parmetes (at West Bromsver Albon, noon) English schools snickets schools and colleges under-19 final: Cotchester Soft Form Coll v Cardinal Newman Coll, Landzshire (at West Bromsver Albon, 4 0)

OTHER SPORT

BOXING: British super-teatherweight championship: PJ Gellegher Mood Green holder) v Charles Shopherd (Salozh), British leatherweight championship: Paul

Castley (2.45). Southwe (2.20).

SPEEDWAY: Speedway Star Cup: Wolver-hampton v Bradford (7.30). Premier League Cup Exeter v Skegness (7.30).

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TOMORROW

RUGBY UNION

OTHER SPORT

TABLE TENNIS: World championships (at

WEDNESDAY

RUGBY UNION

COURAGE CLUBS CHAMPIONSHIP. First division: Buth v Gloucester (7.15). Harlequins v Northsmoton (7.30). Seaccens v London Istan (7.30). Second division: Waterland v Newcostin (6.65).

game run its natural course, Glamorgan would probably have won in any case, after miserly bowling from Watkin (four for L5) and Dale (two for 18), restricted Warwickshire to an Warwickshire packed their batting

By a Special Correspondent

CARDIFF (Warwickshire won toss): confirm Glamorgan's victory. Had the

Glamorgan (4pts) bt Warwickshire on

GLAMORGAN, who were denied

victory over Warwickshire by rain in

their county championship encounter,

took revenge in unsatisfactory circum-

stances in the opening Axa Life League

Rain halted play with the game

game at Sophia Gardens yesterday.

after the new Duckworth-Lewis meth-

od, which will be used to calculate

targets in all rain-affected domestic

one-day matches this season, was

brought into play. The English Cricket

Board claims the new method is "fair,

logical and straightforward", but it is

doubtful whether any player or specta-

tor without a degree in statistics would

have known what target Glamorgan

county scorers have been supplied with

a computer programme to calculate it

and each county has been asked to

provide a match manager to resolve

any conflict, because the umpires have

Officially, Glamorgan's win should

be recorded as "by 17 runs, using the

Duckworth-Lewis method*, because

their target score after 20 overs, with

three wickets down, was 64. Lengthy

consultation between the scorers and

umpires was required, however, to

washed their hands of the scheme.

The method is so complex that the

were chasing,

a superior scoring rate

only five fours and one six in their innings.

Maynard was bowled on the drive.

the players off in heavy rain at 6.100m. To add to Warwickshire's obvious Tim Munton, looks certain to have a

Whether by luck or judgment, Glamorgan managed to stay ahead of

THEY knew it already, of course, but

Adrian Shaw, the Glamorgan wicketkeeper, can only watch as Trevor Penney, of Warwickshire, cuts the ball away yesterday. Photograph: Huw Evans

Glamorgan profit from Snape reminds Sussex

madness in this method of some harsh realities

Sussex were reminded in the harshest terms yesterday that enthusiasm and a willingness to embrace new ideas they are planning to be the first county to play an Axa Life League match under floodlights in June - are not the only things to cricket. Playing well and winning are important, too, and they did neither of those things against Northamptonshire yesterday. It was not that they lost that will

disturb their newly installed executives. What will concern them is the manner of this defeat, Northamptonshire's winning runs coming courtesy of successive shots to the boundary by Kevin Curran off Amer Khan, the leg spinner who Sussex signed from Middlesex, with almost a quarter of their innings unused.

HOVE (Sussex won toss): Northamp-

tonshire (4pts) beat Sussex by nine

What essentially went wrong was that the bottom fell out of the Sussex middle order. Drakes failed as an opener but Lenham struck a breezy 4) from 46 balls and, by the start of the 23rd over, Greenfield was established and Newell settled in. The score was 107 for two

Sussex then embarked on an irrational quarter of an hour. They lost four wickets for two runs, all to Jeremy Snape in the space of 12 balls, to give him his best figures in the competition

SNOOKER: Embassy world champion-shipp (at Shaffield)
SPEEDWAY: Elite League: Belle Vue v (powch (7:30). Premier League Cup: Arena Escox v Skegness (8:0) Edinburgh v Benwick (7:30). Ordert v Reading (7:45). Amadeur League: Belle Vue v (powen and King's Lynn (3:0). TABLE TENNIS: World championships (at Manchester)

SATURDAY

PLIGBY UNION

RUGBY UNION

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COURAGE CLUBS CHAMPIONSHIPFirst division: Hartequits v Wasps, London
Irish v Oriel: Northampton v Gloucester,
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diresion: Waterfield v Governay, Waterfor v
London Scottish Third divisions: Exeter v
Reading: Hamogate v Otley: Howard v
London Welsh, Leeds v Liverpool: Helens, Lydray v Fydo, Redniff v Crition
Walsall v Mortey: Whartestale v Rosslyn
Park, Fourth devision north: Konda v
Aspatha; Lichfield v Winnington Park,
Preston Gracinopors: v Sandal, Fourth
division south Bony v Askers:

RFU INTERMEDIATE CUP: Final: Doncaster v Thanet Wanderers (at Twickchitam)

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RFU JUNIOR CUP: Final; Crowe and
Nantwich v Harpenden (at Twickenham)

WELSH LEAGUE: First division: Bridgend v Pontypridd (2:30). Cerdiff v Caerphilly (2:30): Dunvant v Nowport (2:30); Elaber Vale v Treorchy (2:30). Neeth v Swansea (2:30)

RUGBY LEAGUE

SILK CUT CHALLENGE CUP: Final: Brad-

ford v St Helens (at Wembley, 2 45) SILK CUT PLATE: Final: Hull kingston Rovers v Humsler (at Wembley, 12 15)

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: Budweser Chempionship

Arenaj 80/08/C: Intornational Boxing Federation and World Boxing Organisation feather weight championship: Naseem Harner (Sheffield, holder) v Billy Hardy (Sunder

line, and Pyemont chipped a simple The lack of depth in the Sussex batting had been brutally exposed. Dare one say it, a Wells. Speight or

on his 24th birthday. Newell chipped to

mid-wicket, Athey and Moores were

both bowled pushing down the wrong

Law would probably not have let such a collapse happen. Pyemont, whose feats at Tonbridge last year rivalled those of Colin Cowdrey, deserved his chance, but he was done no favours by the situation and did nothing for Sussex in return.

Greenfield oversaw the addition of some useful runs with the tail, but he was gone, the ninth wicket to fall, for 58, and the innings terminated long before the scheduled end. Even on a sluggish pitch on which the spinners were hard to get away, a total of 160 was going to be hard to defend.

Northamptonshire were potentially a batsman down as Warren relinquished wicketkeeping duties after taking an early blow on the right hand, but it never showed. Loye, having taken over the gloves, and Penberthy effortlessly put together a stand of 149 for the first wicket - Loye making an impressive 68, before being caught off Amer at mid-on, and Penberthy an unbeaten 74 — and that was more or less that.

Sussex came out to the sound of One Vision, by Queen, but their game was

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CHANGING TIMES

TABLE TENNIS: World championships (a) SUNDAY RUGBY UNION

landi. World Boxing Council super-middleweight championship: Robin Reid Runcom, holdes) v Henry Wharton (York). World Boxing Organisation light-middle-weight championship: Ronald Wright (US, holder) v Steve Foster (Salford) (at Nyrex Arena, Monchester).

GOLF: Lytham Trophy (at Royal Lytham), Borkshire Trophy (at The Berkshire)

RACING: Haydock (1 10); Herelord (2.25); Hexham (6 0); Newmarket (2.0); Thirsk (2.20); Utloseter (2.10); Warwick (5.45)

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srept (a Shemeon). SPEEDWAY: Elite League: Bradkord v King's Lym (7:30): Eastbourne v Coventry (7:30): Swindon v Wokerhumpton (7:30). Premier League Cup: Berwick v Shetkold (7:30): Amateur League: Berwick v Mildenholl (6:30)

COURAGE CLUBS CHAMPIONSHIP: First division: Bristol v West Hartispool (3.0) Second division: Newcasile v Roth-CRICKET

AXA LIFE LEAGUE (40 overs). Derby: Derbyshite v Lancushire, Chelmistord: Escar v Middleser, Southampton: Hamp-shire v Yorkshire: Canterbury: Kont v Surrey: Taumton: Somorsel v Glamagran. Hove: Susse v Notinghamshire, Edgleston: Warwickhiro v Northampton-shire. OTHER SPORT AMERICAN FOOTBALL: World League (WLAF): London Monarchs v Barcolona (at Stanford Bridge, 3.0)

BASKETBALL: Budweiser Championship: Final: (at Wembley Arena, 6 45). GOLF: Lytham Trophy (at Royal Lytham): Borkehro Trophy (at The Berishire) MOTORCYCLING: World Superbike championistip (at Donington Park) RACING: Nowmarks! (2.0). Hamitor (2.20); Salisbury (2.10). SNOOKER: Embassy world champion stress (at Shelfield).

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WORD-WATCH

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Why three's a winner

f a year is too long to wait for the next London Marathon, for another carnival of human spirit and endeavour through the streets of the capital, the London Triathlon offers a new challenge to help to bridge the gap. The first London gap. The first London Triathlon is scheduled for September 21, a mass participation event modelled on the London Marathon, and already athletes who covered the 26 miles 385 yards only two weeks ago are out on their bikes, and in their local pools, preparing to have a gu at this latest Olympic sport.

Triathlon, a combination of swimming, cycling and running, makes its Olympic debut at Sydney 2000. In Simon Lessing, Britain has the world champion and, like the London Marathun, the London Triathlon offers novices and club competitors an opportunity to appear on the same stage as the professional luminaries. Lessing has agreed to compete in the London Triathlon, as have the top five British women, Sara Cox. Annaleah Emmerson, Rachel Horn. Sian Brice and Loretta Sollars,

"Most people think of triathlons being for athletes who are abnormal, but it is something most people can do." Lessing says. The London

whole Olympic distance.

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event is certain to be the biggest triathlon yet staged in Britain, and organisers are hoping that soon it will rival the Mrs Ts Triathlon in Chicago as the largest in the world, with some 5,000 partieipants.

Among those entered is John Guthrie who, within four days of completing the London Marathon last week, was having his first swimming lesson. Guthrie, a London-based Scot. is a challenge-hopper. "I have always got something big in the offing, "Guthrie says. Such as? "I once drove a motorbike from the Middle East to Scotland, from Oman to Coldstream.'

The London Marathon is still in his legs, and the London Triathlon fresh in his mind, but already Guthrie is thinking about the Marathon

of the Sands, a 137-mile run across the Sahara, rather than returning to the London Mar-athon this time next year. "I like new challenges," Guthrie, a financial consultant, 39,

says. His 6,000-mile motorbike marathon saw him jailed in Iraq. "I had to camp out at night but when a couple of lorry drivers stopped and shouted Ali Baba, I worked out I was in bandit country," Guthrie recalls. "So I got back on the bike and drove for about two hours in pitch black. I came across a police station and, when they saw a motorbike, they went crazy, so they put me in jail for the night. It was great, the first time I had a bed for three

Arriving back in Scotland, Guthrie wishes he were still back down the road, anywhere on the route except at the linish. The centre of the Tweed is the border between Scotland and England," he says. "I did not want to go across because that was the journey over." Guthrie's official London

Marathon time was 3hr 57min 12sec, though his watch showed 14 minutes faster, "1 lined up in the section I was given, but there were a lot of people in front of me who were not in their correct zone," he says. "I spent the first eight to ten miles sidestepping people.

so I could get past."

Although the weather was perfect, around 11C to 12C for the faster runners, the heat increased to an uncomfortable 16C to 17C for those out a long time. Guthrie returned home with a finisher's medal and his "Blackpool tan" showing his vest outline. I have this vision of people in Blackpool sunbathing with their vests on. two white stripes across their shoulders." he says. A rugby player for 25 years. Guthrie is new to triathlon.

"You can do anything if you train for it," he says. He took up running after "a minor health scare" last year. "I was working too hard. It was a bottle of wine and a curry every night, so I said: 'Right, the marathon.' It forces you out to train."

Sharron Davies, the former British Olympic swimmer and now television presenter on The Big Breakfast, will be taking an interest in the



London Triathlon, given the participation of Sharon Car-ter. Cyril Carter, Sharon's father, named his daughter after the swimmer, whom he met through a mutual acquaintance. Sharron is godmother to Carter's other daughter.

"Sharron has always been supportive," Carter, 17, from Greenwich, says. "She sends me kit, swimming costumes and T-shirts for training, and she phones up every now and then to check how I am. She has helped me a lot with my

Sharon's father is her coach, with assistance from Sharron. Anxious that his daughter should choose her sport for herself, and not be led by his preferences. Carter planned ahead, "When Sharon was four years old I designed a programme, which I called Programme for Life," Carter says. "I was aware of the two stools that young people can fall between: education and sporting achievement.

"I devised a programme based on gymnastics, swim-ming and athletics to give her an all-round basis, from which she could then choose a sport she wanted. The first success is that she is still swimming at 17. Now she has elected to do triathlon and study chemistry at university.

"There is a danger with a

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Triathlon, a mix of swimming, cycling and running, makes its Olympic debut in 2000

parent-coach that those decisions are made for the child. There is the fear in a parent coach of the child not following the channel laid down for them, for example a parent who coaches a daughter or son in tennis seeing that sport as

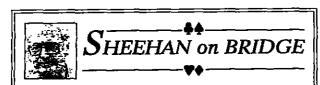
As well as being a mass participation event, embracing both novice and elite competitors, the London ment services for homeless Triathlon mirrors the London Marathon in another way: it is The London Triathlon will

begin with a swim in West keenly promoting its charity theme. The competitors are India Dock, and will be followed by a cycle circuit around the Royal Docks and out encouraged to raise money for good causes and the organisers have adopted as their towards the City Airport. It official charity the New Lease Trust. The Trust was ends with a run in and around Canary Wharf, finishing in Cabot Square, beneath Caformed in 1989 to help to nary Wharf Tower. support housing and resettle-

FIRST STEPS

MARTIN BEDDALL

IF YOU are planning to enter the London Triathlon, you may need advice on equipment and training. The British Triathlon Association (BTA), which is supporting the London Triathlon, offers an introductory "Do Tri" pack containing details of the clothing required, an eight-wi training guide, and information on final preparations for your first race. The pack is £4.50 from the British Triathlon Association, PO Box 26, Ashby-dela-Zouch, Leicestershire LE65 2ZR (01530-414234). Alternatively, between now and the London Triathlon, there are a dozen "Do Tri" courses planned for various parts of the country. Details from



HOW TO ENTER THE TRIATHLON

AS WITH the London Marathon, the professionals are

paid, the amateurs pay. Triathlons, being more expensive

to stage than marathons, demand higher fees. Entry fees

for the London Triathlon are: Olympic distance £38; sprint

£30, corporate relay £117.50 per team. The sprint will be half the Olympic distance of 1,500 metres for the swim, 40

kilometres for the cycle ride, and 10 kilometres for the run.

The corporate relay, in which companies will enter teams

of one swimmer, one cyclist and one runner, will be for the

Competitors will be started in waves according to age

and ability. The sprint alternative is to encourage entries.

although Michael Smithwick, the event manager, says:

"We do not want to stop people from accepting the challenge of the Olympic distance. You do the marathon for the challenge of the whole 26 miles." Individuals can combine in the open-team event, representing military,

emergency services, health club etc.
Entries are on a first-come, first-served basis, limited to

5,000. When the London Triathlon shared a stand with the

British Triathlon Association at the London Marathon

exhibition, requests for entry forms took the numbers

issued to interested parties to more than 10,000. Entries

forms are available from The London Triathlon, 176, Blackfriars Road, London SEI 8ER (0171-928 5055; fax:

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

In a trump contract, when dummy has a long suit and is short of entries, it can often be a good idea for the defence to switch to that suit. Sometimes, that cuts the communications before declarer can draw trumps. Here is an example.

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Contract: Four Hearts by South

South's reverse bid of Two Spades was a clear overbid: my clone and I would have bid H-2D-2H-Pass.However, Four Hearts is not

vithout chances

East wins the club lead with the king and continues with the ace of clubs, noting the fall of declarer's jack. What should he do now? Suppose that East continues with a third club. Declarer's only chance is to hope that West has the queen of diamonds, so he ruffs the club in hand, plays a trump to dummy, crosses back to his ace of spades. draws trumps and takes the diamond finesse. On the actual lie of the cards, he will make

Now, suppose East switches to a spade. Declarer plays along similar lines: he wins the ace of spades, crosses to the queen of hearts, ruffs a club, draws trumps and takes the diamond finesse for 11 tricks. A trump continuation at trick three would fare no

Look at the effect of a diamond switch at trick three. Declarer can cash only two diamond tricks before West ruffs in Whatever declarer does, he can no longer make his contract.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

EENE on CHESS

By RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Final victory

In the final game, Kasparov seemed to have discovered the secret of success against computers. Kasparov, the world champion, opted for a quiet opening, maintaining a fluid yet stilling barrier of pawns in the centre of the board.

With the accent clearly on strategical, rather than tactical, chess, Kasparov gradually annexed territory until the black position suffocated to death. This was Kasparov's most convincing victory. It enabled him to win by the score of four points to two. White: Garry Kasparov Black: Deep Blue

Philadelphia, 1996 Semi-Slav Defence

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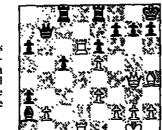
My prediction for the next clash between Kasparov and Deep Blue Mark II, starting in New York on May 3, is that, although the machine has been upgraded from 500 million to 1,000 million positions per second, Kasparov will win and the margin will be 4-2 in his favour, again.

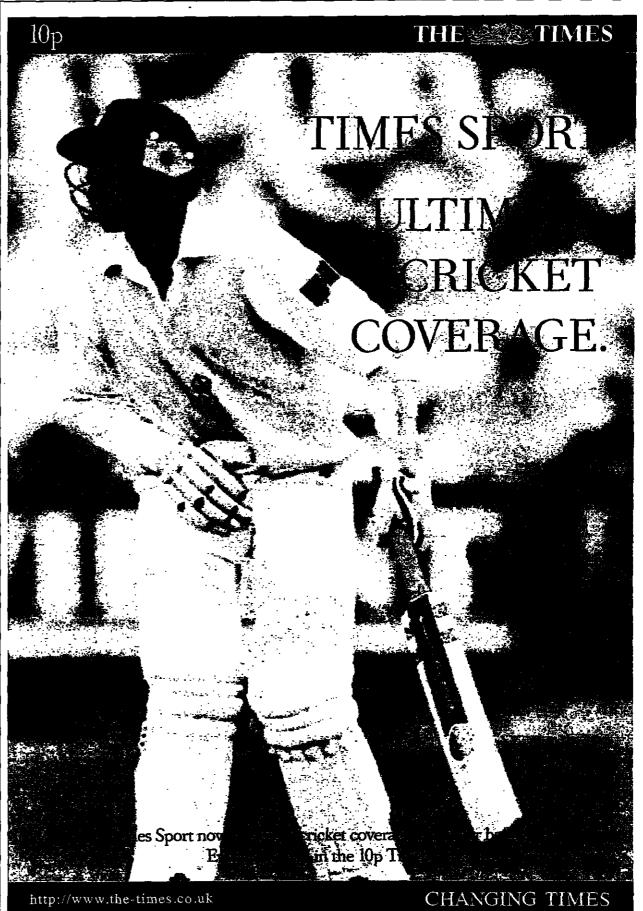
Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WINNING MOVE By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is

from the game Havasi -Sacconi, Folkestone, 1933. Can you spot White's clever tactical win, based on his kingside activity and control of the





WORD-WATCHING The second

By Philip Howard

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KNAPPING a. Striking b. A variant of whist c. A baby's garment

HADDO a. Channel Island hue-and-cry

b. The salmon c. Gambling by tossing coins

b. An attendant c. A trout fly HONISH . Sentimental b. To disgrace c. Jewish dumpling soup Answers on page 44

a. The leader at knucklebones

Solution on page 44

RACING: CORONATION CUP IS OBJECTIVE AFTER PRIX DE L'ARC DE TRIOMPHE WINNER'S IMPRESSIVE RETURN

Helissio has **Epsom** next on agenda

By Julian Muscat and Liz Price

turn of a champion and Helissio amplified the mood of celebration at Longchamp yesterday when he ran clean away with the group one Prix ey, Michael Kinane, said. "He Ganay over 102 furlongs. The four-year-old, who positively toyed with a top-class field, is now poised to weave his magic on British racegoers in the Coronation Cup at Epsom next month.

It should be some occasion. On his first start since forfeiting his aura of invincibility in the Japan Cup five months

LONGCHAMP DETAILS

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ago. Helissio returned to his very best on his favoured soft surface. Trojan Sea was entered to ensure a generous pace for the Michael Stoutetrained Pilsudski, who chased home Helissio, albeit at a respectful distance, in the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe over this course in October.

But Helissio was having none of it, stripping Trojan Sea of the advantage soon after halfway before galloping home to a thunderous ovation on the I40th anniversary of Longchamp's opening fixture. Pilsudski gave vain chase up

NOTHING stirs the blood the home straight but his more than the handsome re-exertions told in the closing stages as Le Destin robbed him of second place.

"Helissio was simply brilliant today," Pilsudski's jockwas just too good for us. Strategic Choice and Last Second, two other raiders from Britain, finished fifth and seventh respectively. Paul Cole did, however, offer some excuse for Strategic Choice. "The ground turned against us with all the rain," he said. "He proved himself last year but the winner was very impressive."

Olivier Peslier, who partnered the 5-3 on favourite, has always championed Helissio's ability, even after the colt finished behind Singspiel, a stablemate of Pilsudski, in Tokyo. "I let him take control today and he accelerated in the straight." Peslier said. "He is even better than last year. Epsom is a very different and particular course but I do not think it will bother Helissio." Doubtless his connections

will be after Singspiel's scalp. particularly as the latter landed the Dubai World Cup after Helissio's late withdrawal. "I am glad that I did not race him in Dubai," Helissio's trainer, Elie Lellouche, said, "although his three-month holiday did him the world of good." And Lellouche intimated the best was yet to come. To be honest, he was not 100 per cent fit so his performance today just shows what an outstanding champion he

really is." This contest is scheduled too early in the season for defini-



Peslier pushes Helissio clear to record a stylish victory over a high-quality field in the Prix Ganay at Longchamp yesterday

tive conclusions to be drawn. But Helissio served notice of his intention to dominate allcomers in a strong division of older horses. Certainly the decision of his owner, Enrique Sarasola, to campaign Helissio again this season should be generously rewarded. And the rift between Sarasola and Lellouche, which surfaced in Dubai, will almost certainly have been healed by Helissio's

triumph yesterday.

Another British challenger had to be content with a minor placing when Heron Island. trained by Peter Chapple-Hyam, finished third in the Prix de Barbeville behind the easy winner, Stretarez.

Air Express, trained by Clive Brittain and ridden by Brett Doyle, landed the group two Premio Parioli, the Italian 2,000 Guineas, in Rome yesterday. Air Express, fourth in the Craven Stakes at Newmarket, beat the locally trained Risiat by a nose. Sekari. trained by David Loder, was withdrawn after being found to be lame at the start.

Kinane booked for Entrepreneur

AN IMPORTANT element to the riddle of Entrepreneur's 2,000 Guineas prospects materialised yesterday when Michael Kinane received clearance to ride the horse in Saturday's Newmarket classic.

Kinane's affiliation with Entrepreneur. 41 favourite with Ladbrokes, seemed assured when the jockey arrived unannounced to exercise Entrepreneur at Sandown on Saturday. Dermot Weld, the Irish trainer with first claim on Kinane's services, yesterday confirmed the arrangement. "Michael will ride Entrepreneur," Weld said "Dance Design runs at the Curragh on the same

day but Pat Shanahan will ride her." His identity apparently unknown to the Sandown executive. Entrepreneur arrived at the track for a key gallop early on Saturday morning. By all accounts he impressed in Kinane's hands, quickening away from Sacrament, a group two winner, at the end of 7½ furlongs.

The pity was that Stoute elected to shroud the gallop in secrecy. One can appreciate Stoute's dilemma: here is an tested horse attracting a flurry of hefty

bets for the 2,000 Guineas, yet one about which the public remains largely ignorant. Stoute demands privacy for his horses's homework but the betting public, whose contribution towards the sport's funding far exceeds any other. cannot now be expected to embrace the 2,000 Guineas with enthusiasm. It would have been quite harmless to compile television footage of Entrepreneur's gal-

lop for public consumption. No one outside the colt's immediate connections is entitled to know the respective weights carried by Entrepreneur and Sacrament. Without such details. meaningful assessment of the gallop is impossible. Exacerbating the discontent is the compliant role of Sandown's executive — despite its pleas of ignorance.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: BOLLIN HARRY (3.45 Pontefract) Next best: Night Of Glass (5.15 Pontefract)

Richard Evans selected Harwell Lad (14-1) in the Whitbread Gold Cup at Sandown Park on Saturday

of Epsom, home of the Derby, for which Entrepreneur dominates the ante-post betting. Epsom's management com-plains the race is unfairly maligned yet a priority is to balance the requirements of trainers and racegoers. The episode underlines just how much remains to be transformed if racing genuinely wants to

embrace its paying customers.
It was all so different when Revoque, Yashmak and Reams Of Verse worked at Newbury racecourse on Saturday morning. Details were circulated in advance, and observers of Revoque will have seen him stretch three or four lengths clear of Panama City in the hands of John Reid. "He has come on from his run in the Greenham." Reid said of the 2,000 Guineas candidate. "He feels the finished article."

Meanwhile. Yashmak worked with enthusiasm alongside Reams Of Verse; both tackle the 1,000 Guineas on Sunday. With Kieren Fallon sticking by Sleepytime, Henry Cecil, who will be three-handed in the fillies' classic. has engaged Kinane for Yashmak. Pat Eddery continues on Reams Of Verse.

Five-timer promotes Mitchell in title race

POINT-TO-POINT BY CARL EVANS

WHILE Rupert Nuttall was in Surrey demonstrating how they tackle hedges in the Blackmore Vale, Tim Mitchell went to the Berkeley meeting in Gloucestershire and chalked up five winners.

Mitchell, whose talents were displayed on Fantus at Cheltenham in March, had never bettered a double before, yet, perversely, his only real show of euphoria came when word reached him that Barnsley had gained promotion to the Premiership.

The five winners - The Cockertoo for Jane Bailey. Nearly An Eye, Strong Chairman and Desert Waltz for Richard Barber, and Moorlough Bay for Trevor Leigh had a radical effect on the men's championship, with Mitchell ending Saturday just one behind Julian Pritchard.

Pritchard spent the after-noon chasing his rival at one time giving him a friendly push as they pulled up. Pritchard and Micky Harris certainly played their part in the race of the day as Nearly, An Eye battled to hold off Lets Twist Again and Frozen Pipe

in the intermediate.

Richard Barber trained four. winners, Earthmover taking the Greig Middleton ladies' qualifier from Sams Heritage. Jamie Jukes stayed in contention for a title he won last year. by riding four winners at the Llangeinor meeting, but Pip-Jones will have been especially happy with her treble at the

same meeting.

Those three victories took her to 19 and a lead of one in the women's championship. Shirley Vickery ensured she did not lose too much ground with a double at the Teme Valley, although both will fear the return from injury of Polly Curling next week.

PONTERTACE

2.45 Out Like Magic

3.15 Baby Jane 3.45 Grey Kingdom

4.15 Power Game 4.45 Upper Mount Clair

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.45 GREY KINGDOM. Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.45 MAMORA BAY (nap). 4.15 Blockade, 5.15 Czama.

DRAW: 5F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

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SOUTHWELL **SPECIALISTS**

TRAINERS: Mrs M Reveley, 26 winners from 102 numers, 25.5%. M Meade, 3 from 12, 25.0%. M Ppc, 3 from 13, 23.1%, J Banks, 9 22 % M Pipe, 3 don't 13, 22.1%, J Bank, 9 from 42, 22.5%, M Johnston, 50 from 226, 22.1% M Prescott, 18 from 91, 19.8%, JOCKEYS, D Benby, 4 where's from 13 ndes, 30.6%, M Hills, 7 from 36, 19.4%; R Havira, 3 from 18, 18.6%, D Hamson, 23 from 142, 18.2%; Jo Human, 4 from 25, 16.0%.

TRAINERS

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4.15 TOTE DUAL FORECAST LIMITED STAKES (£2,724: 1m 4yd) (19 runners)

1996: SHAFFISHAYES 4-9-8 D McKeann (11-2) Mrs. M Reveley 14 ran

FORM FOCUS

GADGE sh hd 2nd oi 16 to Rambo Walter in apprentices banducap at Hamilton (Im 67yd, good to firm) on perulfimate start. POWER GAIRE 44 4th oi 17 to Gailf Staged in Handucap at Beaverley (71 10th)d, good to firm) on perulfimate start. BLOCK-ADE best United George mack in 12-number claimer at Brighton (71, 6rm) GYMCRAK FLYER 4V-II Bin of 16 to Marantia in handicap at Brossk (71, good to firm) PMYSTERUM beat of 16 to Marantia in handicap at flurisk (71, good to firm) PMYSTERUM beat of 16 to Marantia in handicap at flurisk (71, good to firm) PMYSTERUM beat of 16 to Marantia in handicap at flurisk (71, good to firm) PMYSTERUM beat of 16 to Marantia in handicap at flurisk (71, good to firm) on perulfirmate start bandicap at Notforgham (1m, soft) with ORBOLE

4.45 TOTE MARATHON HANDICAP (£3,067: 2m 5i 122yd) (16 runners) 4.43 TOTE MARATHON HANDICAP (£3,067: 2m 5i 122yd) (16 runners)

501 (4) 1565-45 UPPER MOUNT CLAR 16 (£,6) (£ Britani £ Britani 7:10-0 B Doyle 95

502 (2) 12210-0 CHRSS LAD 17 (8,5 (8.5) (Rus 5 McCartry) B Medium 6-9-1 Pat Eddery 95

503 (12) 036-300 MSTER ASPECTO 18 (£5) (Rus 5 McCartry) B Medium 6-9-3 M Roberts 90

504 (1) 00/22-0 CASTLE SCORET 16 (£5) (Rus 18 Burderi) D Bornhell 11-9-1 D McKeomen 95

505 (6) 42040 AARDINGLE \$24 (Lad) Cambla Derrystein (£ Robes 6-9-10 K Fallon 9-10 MSTONECUTTER 18 (N.6) (Petrosa Pers) M Charmon 4-9-2 Paul Eddery 96

506 (14) 30/01/6 ALCIAN BLUE 17 (£5) (Rus 18 Burderi) D Bornhell 11-9-1 D McKeomen 96

508 (15) 30-1540 SUDDEN SPIN 17 (£5) (Rus 18 Burderi) D Bornhell 11-9-1 D McKeomen 98

509 (15) 150-302 ALL ON 2 (G) (N Hetherton J Hetherton 6-7-11 B Franch (£) 95

510 (11) 00000-5 SENTLEMAN SD 6 (£) (Rus 18 D Junnery 17-12 Junnery 98

511 (9) 00-5260 TRICRINTOUR ESTATE 18 (£) (N Lobrations M Todhunier 4-7-10 P Fessery (5) 93

512 (3) 6000-PRECIOUS ISLAND (44) IJ DIS (P Diston 4-7-10 Junnery 99

513 (16) 00000-5 SENTLEMAN SD (6) (£) (Witson) Ruspan 7-7-10 G Bardwell 92

514 (10) 4565-31 TANCISED MSCORET 14 (£) (D Barteri D Santy 6-7-10 Darren Molfatt (3) 90

515 (7) 070060 BLACK DE BDY 951 (Pt.5) (M Extrani N Bertians 9-7-10 Junner 90

516 (7) 070060 BLACK DE BDY 951 (Pt.5) (M Extrani N Bertians 6-7-10 Darren Molfatt (3) 90

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518 (7) 070060 BLACK DE BDY 951 (Pt.5) (M Extrani N Pritani 9-7-10 Junner 90

BETTING: 3-1 Upper Mount Cair 5-1 Cris's Lad 6-1 All On Tancrod Mischael 8-1 Stoneculer 10-1 Andwell

BETTRISC 3-1 Upper Mount Clair, 5-1 Chris's Lad, 6-1 AB On, Tancrod Mischief, 8-1 Stoneculter 10-1 Aardwolf High Five, 12-1 Castle Secret Mister Acpetta, 14-1 others. 1996: IZZA 5-7-10 J Queen (5-1) W Storey 15 ran

FORM FOCUS tipper Mount Clark (at 4th of 10 to Onefour-seven in handscap at Donesater (2m 21, good to firmt) on perutimate start, CHRS'S LAD best elect beat Cande Smoke at his in 1-resure handscap at Severey (2m, good to firmt) with SUD-DIN SPM (4th better off) 9545 8th and TOP PRIZE and Sandowo (2m 78yd, good). CASTLE, SECRET 1%1 2nd of 7 to Mirador in a handscap at Welcome 3½1 in 9-numer handscap at Lingfield (AW, 2m). TANCERD MISCHEF best Anchorens viant with GENTLEMAN SID (5th better off) 38%1.

5.15 TOTE PLACEPOT HANDICAP (£3.818: 1m 2! 6yd) (13 numbers) ## ## TOTE PLACEPOT HANDRCAP (£3,818: 1m 2f 6yd) (13 runners)

601 (5) 552-320 TERRAD 17 7A Barters Sh Family Sediments 1 Baron 4-10-0. D Hantson 91

602 (9) 4000-00 SEAGLE CANNON 4C (F.G. (C. Lave Jun) B Haboury 4-10-0. D O'Donnton (5) 93

603 (13) 53000-3 DANESDLD 32 (V.D.SF.F.G.S) (Creater Det List) M Chemon 5-9-11 R Happiess

604 (6) 5400-0 MEDIAN CONVERT 10 (Weberly Record Boreau 29) M Harmtond 4-9-8 K Fallon 96

605 (10) 605-0 MEDIAN (C. CONVERT 10 (Weberly Record Boreau 29) M Harmtond 4-8-1 M Wighten 98

606 (11) 005-002 CZARNA 7 (S) (Abs S Callan) C Britain 6-9-3 B Dayle (8)

607 (2) 05220-3 SHAFFISHAYES 30 (C.F.G.) F D-Browni Ms M Revising 5-9-3 D Mickleonin 90

608 (10) 25100-3 Michit Conversion (C. C. F.) (F. D. Browni Ms M Revising 5-9-3 B Dischoonin 90

609 (3) 000215- KERNOP 177J (CD.F.) (J. Shaper) Ms Hammond 4-8-7 F Lynch (3) 94

610 (8) 0-51420 ROAD RACER 7 (G) J. Smerr; Mrs. J Runstein 4-8-7 J Fortune 91

611 (1) 41500-4 AUGUSTAN 22 (D.F.) Rodbern Brodslock Record S Gulfray 6-9-7 Pet Eddery 91

612 (7) 0705-500 SREEMORE 18 (Webstein Record Brown 30) M Hammond 4-7-10 Date Glason 90

613 (12) 4250-00 TOMAL 33 (f) (Wendower Record R Ingram 5-7-10 J Callon 90

614 Long Tambellar (100) 1 Tomal 13 (f) (Wendower Record R Ingram 5-7-10 J Callon 90

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611 Long Tambellar (100) 1 Tomal 14 (100) 1 Long Tambellar (100) 1 Long T

BETTING 9-2 Night Of Glace 5-1 Augustin Daneparts 6-1 Earna 8-1 Read Racer, Statistiagus, 10-1 others 1996: REMAAOL SUA 4-9-3 R Street (11-1) M Usber 15 ran

FORM FOCUS

TERONO \$41 and to Maßegr in maiden at Repression (firm, good) on personamely start. DANEGGLO 15-13 and to Obeles in handicap at Leicester (firm 37 good to firm) with TERONO (2th bester cit), 361-13 to Danes in handicap at Leicester (firm 37 good to firm). CARRIA cent and is Saley Aris in basis-cap at Benjation (firm, firm), SAMETSHAYES 11 and to Dangerroy in rated states at Welveshampton (AW, irm 100yd), MIGHT OF GLASS 451 and to Selection: MIGHT OF GLASS COURSE SPECIALISTS

JOCKEYS Pat Eddery J Egan K Fallon A McGlone G Bardwell J Cuinn 28 17

RESULTS FROM SATURDAY'S SIX MEETINGS

Ripon

100-30 fav 10 ran.
2.50 1. Kernnore-Spéed (7-2 k-lav); 2. Stately from (7-1); 3. Full Of Bounce (33-1). Fire Thyne 7-2 k-lav (f), 8 ran.
3.20 1. Harwell Lad (14-1); 2. Flyer's Nap.
(4-1 k-lav); 3. McGregor The Thyd (13-2) Barton Barrk 4-1 k-lav (f) 9 ran.
4.10 1. Wongers Quest (11-2); 2. Benny The Dip (13-8 fav), 3. Silver Patriarch (9-2) 6 ran.
4.45 1. Sasuru (13-2 Our Newmarket Corresponders's map); 2. Multicoloured (11-2); 3. Al-Royal (15-8 fav) 7 ran.
5.15 1. Armyss (8-1); 2. Burning Truth (5-1), 3.

Jackpot not won (pool of £10,160.32 Leicester

Sandown Park

2.15 1, Smooth Sailing (20-1); 2, Ron's Pet (9-1); 3, Prose (4-1), Emperor Naheem 100-30 lav 10 ran.

2.00 1, Oggl (8-1), 2, Knonv Hill (12-1), 3, Mister Jolson (14-1); 4, Weetman's Weigh (12-1), Friendly Brave 6-1 tax 17 can. 2.30 1, Russer (7-4 tax); 2, Cluz Master (10-1), 3, Aurigny (25-1), 16 ran. 3.00 1, Venetian Scene (18-1), 2, Recourse (8-1), 3, Drive Assured (14-1) Henley 7-4 lav 9 ren 3.35 1, Kinnescash (13-2), 2, Premer Generation (20-1), 3, Arzani (16-1), 4, Aztec Fiyer (16-1) Father Dan 11-2 (1-by 18 ran NR Hawkish 4.05 1, Witzard King (7-2): 2, Polar Prince (9-2), 3, Remocz (3-1 lav) 10 ran

4.35 1, Kennemara Star (6-1), 2, Wild Sky (5-1 lav), 3, Doc Ryan's (9-1); 4, Carlton (6-1) 19 ran 5.05 1, Tanaasa 11-3 fav. Richard Evans's nap), 2, Sparian Royale (25-1), 3, Machievelli (6-1) 16 ran.

2.05 1, Ten Past Six (5-1); 2, Action Jackson (6-1); 3, Yuppy Girl (15-2); Finsbury Ryer 9-4 3.05 1, Denton Lad (14-1); 2, Always Alight (12-1); 3, Swift (14-1); 4, Return Of Amin (7-2 lav) 18 ran 3.40 1, Here Comes Herbie (9-1). 2 Tumpole (7-2); 3. Siege Penlous (100-30 lav)

4.15 1, Lewahik (5-1), 2, Double Alleged (5-1), 3, Banbury (100-30) Monitor 6-5 lav 9 ran (7-1); 3, Johnnie The Joker (100-30 tay) 12 ran

LEADERS ON THE FLAT

SOUTHWELL

2.00 Batabanoo. 2,30 Regal Equity. 3.00 Greenspan. 3,30 Sea Spouse. 4,00 Swift. 4,30 My Bet. 5.00 Strelitza, 5,30 Cartouche.

GOING: STANDARD DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

2.00 COLDSEAL 0800 221155 CLAIMING STAKES (Div I: £1.927: 1m 4f) (10 runners) | 1 (6) 4010 AT LIBERTY 12 (D.F.6) R Hamon 5-9-8 Dase O'Nell | 1 (6) 4010 AT LIBERTY 12 (D.F.6) R Hamon 5-9-8 Dase O'Nell | 2 (5) 225/ SATABANOO 583 (C.D.F.6) Mrs. M Reveley 8-9-8 M Hills -- 3 (3) 600- PRECEDENCY 207 K McAufille 5-9-4 W J O'Connor 75 (4) 6 (5-8 ED LISHT 67 J (8,5) J Jestons 5-9-12 ... (2 Carter -- 5 (1)) 4353 FORZAR 10 (C.D.G.) J J O'Nell 5-8-10 ... W Ryan 82 (8) 500- ARCAIE PARK EVI D Bucket 4-8-9 ... R Moden (5) -- 7 (2) -- 600 AMSTOP 10 (C.G.) J Fue 5-8-5 ... R Lappin 67 (10) 2200 (D.MAMARTYRA (JRL 14J (CD) J Parkes 7-9-5) Bicmhill (5) 71 (9) 6400 CARROLLS MARC 30 (C.D.) C Martay 9-8-4 Iona Wasats (5) 69 (10) 10 (10)

5-4 At Liberty, 5-1 Batabanoo, 6-1 Forzair, 10-1 Kilkamartyka Gel, 12-1 Canolis Marc. Red Light, Anistop, 16-1 others.

2.30 COLDSEAL WINDOWS MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (Div I: 3-Y-0: £1,927: 1m) (13) MANUEN STAKES (DIV I' 3-Y-0: £1 927:

15) 05 AGENT MALDER 21 P Cuedet 9-0.

26) 00 AVANT BLUE 195 h McAssife 9-0.

3 (9) -005 FATHER EDDE 18 J J O'Neti 9-0.

5 (8) 22-2 MR PHARDISE 21 T Naughton 9-0.

6 (2) 0-0 CHECON CITY 19 M Carnestro 9-0.

7 (4) 040 REGAL EDUTY 171 M Proy 9-0.

8 (5) 0- RHERRECULD 185 T Enterrogram 9-0.

10 (1) -223 SLEMA CREEK 80 T Barron 9-0.

11 (7) -04 SPANSH WARROOK 7 J Hals 9-0.

12 11:3 20 ISIS HONDA 81 C Britain 8-9.

13 (13) SWEETCH LOUGHBE H Aktory 8-9. J Lowe 72
W J O'Connor 70
G Duffield —
6 Faultonic (5)
L Chantock 77
Dans O'Neil 85
S Welster 7-2 Mr Paradise, 5-1 Regal Equity, 5-1 Silema Creek, Isos Honda, 8-1 Keyn Alert. Spanich Worler, 10-1 Rheisbold, 12-1 others.

3.00 coldseal 6800 221155 claiming stakes (Div ii: £1,927: 1m 41) (10) (6) 10-0 CAROL'S DREAM 18 (G) Mics J Bower 5-9-8 M Henry (3) 77
(7) 2734 GREENSPAN 20 (CD.G) W Most 5-9-8 A Clark (6) 40-0 HAROLDON 32 (F.G) B Paleng 8-9-2 T Sprake 92 (2) 3-96 HTMAAM 80 (C.G) Miss A Swintark 5-8-12 W Ryan 94 (4) 000 MASTER SHOWMAN 5-11 D Whole 6-8-12 V Stagery (8) 1-52 PHARLY DANCER 21 (CD.GP) W Hogh 8-8-12 P Miccoles (3) 93 (5) PARLY DANCER 21 (CD.GP) W Hogh 8-8-12 P Miccoles (3) 93 (5) PO DUFFERTUES 84 (6.5) M Ryan 5-8-6 G Carlett 81 (1) 2500 LDRIAN VIEWET 16 Miss W Allen 8-4 L L Membor 83 (4-16 CAMARPANN WARROOK 18 00-90 M Carrectio 4-8-0 (9) 4-15 CHAMPAGNE WARPOOR 19 (D,F) M Carrecto 4-8-0

3-1 Greenspan, 9-2 Carol's Decam, Grand Cru, 5-1 Phorty Dancer, 8-1 Champagne Warnor, 7-1 Intangam, 10-1 Haroldon, 12-1 others.

3.30 COLDSEAL ROTHERHAM PROMOTIONS AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP (\$2,070: 1m) (16)

AMARI EURI HEIDERS HANNUTCAP (£2,U/O: 1m) (16)

1 (11) 2080 AWESOME VENTURE 73 (CD) M Chapman 7-11-7

2 (5) 540- BENJAMMS LAW 282 (CD) J Pickering 6-11-3

3 (16) 3510 DOMINO RIVER 26 (CD) Mr. A Swintown 4-11-3. C Wilson 64

4 (13) 1438 EAP SPOLEE 56 (CD) M Branchard 5-11-2. In Thomston 5-12: 5100 MONITORE 18 (V,CD,E,S.5) J Jestier. 7-11-1 M Manarish 5-13

6 (6) 4010 7ANJUD 42 (D,E,S.5) D Chapman 6-11-0. Miss D Clamb 97

7 (12) 5-31 THE BARRELY BELLEZ (CG,B J Erre 4-11-0 Mass D James 87

8 (10) 1114 SOLDER COVE 18 (CD,B E,S.5) M Manch 2-10-11 C Burner 96

9 (10) 111 2013 CALS SOTTOM 21 (CD) A Mesocratic 5-10-6. I McCarthy 97

10 (7) 00-0 SOAR ON YOUR 59 (CD) Mrs M Revetive 8-10-5 M Managhan 92

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5.20 1 Harbour Dues (5-4 tav); 2. Star Selection (6-1); 3. Greenstead (3-1), 5 ran.

Wolverhampton 7.00 1, Forcing Bid (9-2); 2, Megic Fzz (9-1); 3, Don't Worry Mike (11-4 lav) 13 ran 7.30 1, First Meire (9-1), 2, Featherslone Lane (12-1), 3, Pelacegare Jack (11-2), Kalar 9-4 lav 10 ran 8-00 1, Eurolink The Lad (11-1), 2, Wildfire (9-1), 3, Nicola's Princess (25-1), Shanghai Lil 11-2 fav 13 ran

74. Supplementary (1941) 2. Jack-N-Jilly (16-1): 3. Pmi. Ticket (7-2) Diamond Steve 7-4 fav 5 ran NR. Camation King

TRAINERS

12 (3) 4620 SANDMOOR DENM 21 (CD) 5 Bowing 10-9-11 Mrs M Morris (4) 97

Mrs M Morre (4) 97

13 (4) 026- DANCING DESTINY 270 A Bastuman 5-9-8 Miss R Bastuman (7) 92

14 (14) 0-40 COMMING UP 73 Miss J Bower 4-9-5 (7 Woodward (7) 94

15 (9) 40-0 PC'S CRUSER 98 (CD) N Librarden 5-9-5 J T-Morris (7) 93

16 (15) 3620 PRIVATE RICTURE 46 (8,6) D Maris 6-9-5 Mrs A Usber (4) 96 7-2 Soldier Cove, 4-1 Domino Flyer, 5-1 Sea Spouse, 8-1 The Barnstey Belle 12-1 Mongane, Roman Reet, 16-1 others

4.00 COLDSEAL GOLDMINE HANDICAP (3-Y-0: £3,900. 6f) (14) (3-Y-0: £3,900. 6f) (14)

1 (1) 3113 ROFFEY SPRINEY 35 (0,6) R Hamon 9-7 Dane O'Neil 95
2 (4) 65-1 FORCING BID 2 (0,6) M Presson 9-4 (fee) 6 Butfield (§3)
3 (9) 1520 ENCHANTING EVE 11 (CD) C. Allen 9-2 Mortin Duryer (3) 92
4 (13) 2-05 SWAN ESLAND 7 8 Pating 9-0 ... It Sprake 85
5 (7) 21-0 PARILLEZ 77 (1,6) M Meade 9-0 ... N. Adams 96
6 (11) 2020 KOMASTA 28 (V,6) J Whiton 8-13 ... J Carroll 96
7 (6) 131 MAME READY 231 (CG,5) J Meville 8-13 ... S Drowne 87
8 (14) -120 GRESAITE 21 (CD,6) C Durye 8-12 ... In Humnam (7) 94
9 (12) 510 - NAVASTAN 219 (0,6) J Berry 8-11 ... L Charmock 93
10 (8) 200- FINE TIMES 178 C Faithurs 8-10 ... L Charmock 93
11 (5) 3103 SWIF 2 (6) B Peliptez 8-9 ... M Remmer 92
12 (3) 5-40 CHRINCHIL 20 6 Margason 8-2 ... M Henry (3) 16
13 (2) 4255 BARWELL BOY 20 J I Hamts 7-10 ... J Brantist (5) 98
14 (10) 0-40 DISTINCTIVE DREAM 17 (8) N Novy 7-10 R Mulden (5) 94
9-4 Rotley Spinney, 5-1 Forcing Bid, 7-1 Komasta, 8-1 Nessenba, 10-1 Malee Ready,

4.30 COLDSEAL IN THE FRAME SELLING STAKES (2-Y-0: £2,277: 51) (8) 7-4 Branston Berry, 9-4 Off And Running, 7-2 My Bol. 8-1 others

9-4 Rodley Spinney, 5-1 Forcing Bid, 7-1 komaşta, 8-1 Nascasha, 10-1 Make Ready, 12-1 Sugn Island, Gresalre, 14-1 others

5.00 COLDSEAL NORTHERN REGION FILLIES HANDICAP (3-Y-0: £2,277: 71) (14) HANDICAP (3-Y-0: £2,277: 7f) (14)

1 (4) 60-1 MUSCATARA 5 (0.6) B Hills 9-11 (6ex) . M Hills 95

2 (2) 3501 MERROR FOUR SPORT 16 (C.6) M Joinston 9-7 K Skad (7) 97

3 (5) 6: SHOWERIN 149 (6) J HIRSON 9-7 ... J Carmil 92

4 (11) 633- STRELITZA 2(3 (8) M W Exclusivy 9-4 ... G Parker (5) 89

5 (1) 500- FONTCAUDETTA 2(3 (8) M W Exclusivy 9-4 ... J Stack 91

5 (1) 500- HUNTCAUDETTA 2(3 (8) M W Exclusivy 9-4 ... J Stack 91

6 (1) 9504 LUCY OF ARABA 56 (8) J Sheetan 9-0 ... S Downey 95

7 (10) 6221 JAIN'S RELATIVE 21 (5,6) R TROMPSON 8-13. T WILLIAM 94

8 (3) -49-5 JAINEST CAME 7 C Duyer 8: (13... G Outfield 68

9 (7) 30-5 JAINES TRELATIVE 20 S Woods 9-12 ... C Weeks (7) 88

10 (6) 00-6 JAINEST WINTY 20 S Woods 9-12 ... C Weeks (7) 88

11 (14) 00-8 ROYAL EMBLEM 16 A Featur 9-11 ... R Perinative 96

12 (12) 006- THILLYFAN 2(7 R Fabry 8-11 ... R Perinative 96

13 (8) 00-10 POXER PROMICESS 28 M Bell 8-10 ... R Winston (7) 85

13 (8) 00-10 POXER PROMICESS 28 M Bell 8-10 ... R Winston (7) 85

14 (9) 0-08 SHERATON GERL 16 N Lithroden 7-13 ... Marko Duyer (3) 98

11-4 Muscataru, 7-1 Simitiza, 8-1 Marrox Four Sport, Strompirt Jaiotexe, Jive, Julia';

11-4 Musestana, 7-1 Sirelitza. 8-1 Mirros Four Sport, Strongirt, Juleitex Jive, Julia's Relative, 12-1 others

5.30 coldseal windows median auction maiden stakes (Div II: 3-Y-O: £1,927: 1m) (13)

7-2 Cartoucho, 5-1 Biton Belung, 6-1 Hand Sanctuary 8-1 Concer Acall, Going Green, Bold El Notr 10-1 others BLINKERED FIRST TIME, Pontefract: 4 15 Perang Polity, Southwell: 2.00 Rod Light, 4 30 Frundin, Stationlythm, 5 00 Lucy Of Arabia

Market Rasen 2.10 1. Eurolinik The Rebel (20-1): 2. Summer Villa (11-1), 3. Jsanga (8-1); 4. Lebedinski (16-1) 16 ran, NR Bold Top

2.45 1, Hericock (7-2 tav): 2, Ameding Sail (7-1): 3, Addar (16-1): 4, Dantes Amour (16-1) 16 ran, NR: Jaylices, Nite Sprite 3.15 1, Darling Past (3-1), 2, Ball Tender (20-1): 3, Tapatch (9-4 tav) 7 ran 3.50 1, Monks Soham (9-1), 2. Bowles Patro (25-1): 3, Impenel Vintage (11-8) Miste Drum 11-10 tev 6 ran 4.25 1, Telephath (6-4 tav); 2, Macamet (9-4); 3, Grpsy Geof (8-1), 16 ran 5.00 1. Highbeeth (5-2 lav): 2, Rustic Ar (5-1), 3, Merry Panto (8-1), 10 ren. 5.30 1, Route One (8-1), 2. Double Star (6-1) 3. Siren Sono (5-4 tav) 19 ran NR Cue Cat

Worcester 5.45 1, Ring For Rosle (10-1), 2. Maid For

5.46 1, Hang For Hosse (10-1). 2 March For Adventure (3-1 lay), 3, Fun While It Lesis (12-1). 19 ran NR Fairly Sharp 6.15 1, Lucky Eddis (7-4 g-4av), 2, Diamond Light (33-1); 3, Old Rectwood (5-2) Tenayesteign 7-4 j-lav, 6 ran. 6.45 1. Haweilian Youth (15-8); 2, Bally Clover (7-4 fav); 3, Baverd Deu (13-2) 5 ran NR Act Of Parkament, Factor Ten 7.15 1, Kind's Cross (5-1 j-lav); 2, Wallung Tall (16-1); 3, Tejano Gold (5-1 j-lav); 14 ran. NR. Jossima. 7.451 Phar Too Touchy (5-4 lay); 2, Tan Cea 7.45 1, Phar Too Touchy (5-4 fav), 2 Tea Cee Kay (14-1), 3, Ann's Ambition (10-1), 16 ran. NR Capo Castanum, Lord Kilton, Not My Line

8.15 1, Maryb-Maryb (4-1 lav), 2, Mr Christie (12-1), 3, Parade Racer (6-1); 4, Hello Me Mor (20-1), 16 ran, MR Operetto, Ranger Stoans

POINT-TO POINT

ATHERSTONE (Cirion On Dunsmore)
Hunt 1, Carchphrase (K Needharn, 5-2) 6
ran Confined 1, Sar Traveller (M Skruner,
14-1) 13 ran Men's Open, 1, Hill Island (R
Sweeting, 4-6 tay) 3 ran, Ladles, 1, Force
Eghr (Mrs. J Dawson, 1-2 lay) 6 ran Rest
1, Mr Gee (K Needham, 11-4) 4 ran Open
Mohn 1, Malitby Son (T Lane, 6-4 lay) 18
ran
BERKELEY (Woodlord) Rest 1, The
Cockerton (T Michell, 5-1) 14 ran Hunt
1, Landsker Allred (Missa A Date, 4-7 tay) 8
ran intermediate 1, Nearly An Eye (T
Mitchell, 4-5 lay) 8 ran G Middleton
Ladless 1 Earthmover (Missa P Gundry, 1-2
lay) 6 ran Men's Open 1, Strong
Chairman (T Mitchell, 1-3 lay) 5 ran
Confined 1, Desert Waltz (T Mitchell, 1-7
lay) 3 ran Only two finished Midn 1,
Bumpitous Boy (S Hariks, 1-3 lay) 4 ran
COTSWOLD (Antowerstord): Hunt 1,
Bumpitous Boy (S Hariks, 1-3 lay) 4 ran
Confined 1 How Friendly (Julian Pritchard, 8-1) 6 ran Ladles, 1, Ray Van Winlde
(Miss A Dere, 1-6 lay), 5 ran Land Rover
Open 1, Granville Grill (J Deutsch, 8-1) 5
ran Intermediate 1, Bawmerosh (T Underwood, 5-4 lay), 5 ran Open Mich 1, Boys
Bocks (Julian Pritchard, 9-4 lay) 8 ran
FIFE (Balcormo Mains): Hunt, 1, Bruce's
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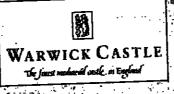
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MERRYLAND, Sydney: Jack-High Interna-tional sangles: Semi-finels: R Brassey (NC) bit A Allocok, Englis 8-9, 9-4, 9-8; S Glasson (Aus) bit N Kerhow (Aus) 9-5, 5-9, 9-2. Finel: Glasson bt Brassey 9-4, 9-3.

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Featherstone Rovers: Tries: Molloy 2. Chapman, Fallirs, Hughes, Price, Strange. Goals: Fox 7. Widnes Vikings: Tries: Bloem, Waring Goal: Long. Att. 1,981

Huddersfield Giants: Tries: Schofield 3, Cheethart, Coventry, Hanger, king, Richards, Sturm, Weston Goals: Weston 5 Workington Town: Tries: Brown 2, Currier 2, Campbell, Rodan, Goals: Belthwate 4, J Smith Att: 2,668

22 Keighley Wakefield Trinity: Tries: Barrouet, Grago, Southernwood Goels: Davis 5 Keightey Coupars: Tries: Critchley 3, Bits 3, Ramshaw, Whatarau Goals: Irving 5 Att: 2,221

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BOXING

ATLANTIC CITY, New Jersey. World Boxing Urson heavyweight champton-ship: George Foreman (US, holder) bt Lou Sewarese (US) pts.

ZURICH: World Boxing Organisation cruiserweight championship: Rall Rocc-higen (Ger, holder) bit Staten Angehm (Swrtz) pts

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GRIEDMBANK LEISURE CENTRE. Swadimoste: European middleweight champiomship: Hassine Cheriff (Fr. holder) bl.
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CAPE TOWN: Standard Bank Cup: Final, first leg: Natal 174, Western Province 175-4 (3 Kirslen 62) Western Province win by so wokets

MURRAY SMITH & CO CHESHIRE COUNTY LEAGUE: Macclesfield 199-5 dec Hoaton Mersey 143-5, Poynton 117-9 dec Nantwich 39-5; Warrington 143-9 dec Alsager 101-7 Club matches

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VAUX DURHAM SENIOR LEAGUE:
Burmook 197-7 Boldon 198-5; Wintburn
186 Chester le-Street 190-7; Seaham Harbour 112 Eppleton 114-3; Felling 222-4
South Shields 159-3; Gateshoad Fell 194-5
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LEES BREWERY LANCASHIRE COUNTY LEAGUE: Sale Moor 167 Glossop 168-7. Woodhouses 163-6 Denton St Law 150-7 (match abandoned).

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NORTH STAFFS & SOUTH CHESHIRE
LEAGUE: Bignall End 152-5 v Longton;
Crewe 142-6 Little Stoke 31-5; Leak 125-3
Staflord 18-1; Elworth 175-3 Stone 81-0 (all matches abandoned)
VALX NORTHERN LEAGUE: Darwen 212-7 Preston 50; Flestwood 177-5 Chorley 181-3, Kendall 77 Lancaster 79-1, Leyfend Dal 144-9 Leyfand 61-6.
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Hill 170-4; Blyth 218-3 Tynemouth 222-7

VAUX RIBBLESDALE LEAGUE: Bar-noldswick 24-0 v Bleekburn Northern (match abandoned); Citiheroe 152-7 Whelley 91-6. Great Harwood 161-5 Earby 150-9; Padiham 103-8 Oswaldtwiste 108-1; Etennied 171-9 Read 176-5; Ribblesdale W 123 Chemy Trea 124-7

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JANARTA: Women's tournament: Second round: Wang Shi-Ting (Tawan) bt L Andhyani (Indo) 6-1. 4-6, 6-3; Y Yoshida (Japan) bt J Chi (US) 7-6, 6-3; A Decharme-Balleret (Fr) bt N Killmute (Japan) 6-0, 6-4; Kem Eum-Ha (S Kor) bt Y Hosold (Japan) 6-2, 6-1; R Grande (I0) bt L Nemockova (Cz) 6-4, 6-5; N Feber (Bel) bt H Inoue (Japan) 6-4, 7-8; N Miyagi (Japan) bt R Hitaki (Japan) 6-4, 3-6, 6-2; N Savemetsu (Japan) 6-4, 3-6, 6-2; N Savemetsu (Japan) bt K-A Guse (Aus) 6-4, 3-2; ret, Grande wo Faber; Decharme-Balleret bt Nim 6-4, 6-2; Savemetsu bt Miyagi 7-5, 6-1 Semi-timata: Yoshida bt Wang 6-4, Savemetsu bt Yoshida 6-3, 6-6 Finat: Savemetsu bt Yoshida 6-3, 6-2 ROUNTEMENDUTH: Satelifet burmament: BOURNEWOUTH: Satelike tourns BOURNEMOUTH: Satellife bournament: Men: Quarter-fineler. A Strambrill (Switz) bt. N Weel (GB) 7-6, 6-4; R Lavegne (Fr) bt. J Crauvn (Fr) 6-0, 6-4; R Gilbert (Fr) bt. J Delgado (GB) 6-7, 6-4, 21 ret; A Belobraptic (Aus) bt. Meligan (GB) 6-1, 7-5. Semi-finals: Lavegne bt Strambril 3-6, 6-1, 7-6; Gilbert bt Milligan 7-5, 6-4. Final: Gilbert bt Lavegne 6-1, 4-6, 6-3 Women: Semi-finals: J Weel (GB) bt A Skiddal (GB) 6-3, 2-5, 6-4; J Puttin (GB) bt N Tipsen (Hof) 6-2, 6-2. Final: Puttin (GB) bt N Tipsen

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NATIONAL LEAGUE: Men: First division: Warwick 3 Whitefield 2 (15-12, 15-11, 8-15, 11-15, 15-11); Crofton 1 Liverpool 3 (9-15, 15-10, 7-15, 11-15).

MONACO: Men's tournament: Semi-finals: A Corretja (Sp) bi F Santoro (Fr) 6-4, 6-4, M Rios (Chile) bi C Moyà (Sp) 6-4, 7-6 Final: Rios bi Corretja 6-4, 6-3, 6-3

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(Ducati 24 09 969, 5, Emmet 24:20 506, 6,
Devellyn: 24 21 408 Fastest lap: Macken26 13 46:08 Leading championship positions: 1, Mackenpe 77pts: 2, Reynolds: 65,
3, Rymer 59, Teams: 1, Yamaha 135pts, 2,
Ducati 94, 3, Kawassak 82 Manufacturens:
1, Yamaha 91; 2, Ducati 91, 3, Kawassak 59,
Shell Advance Supersport 600 Championship: Second round (18 laps); 1, 1
Simpson (V and M Honda) 30miles (SaRises: 2, D Haal (V and M Honda)
30:34 136; 3, S Plater (Cabb Honda)
30:35 499 Fastest lap: P MCCallen
(Honda) 1mil 39 77:96; Championship
positions: 1, Heal 31pts; 2, McCallen 25; 3,
Simpson 25 **CUILTON PARK: British superbike chame** ODENSIE: European maam championships: Men: Semi-finals: England 4 Finland 0 (England names first M Carms bt V Satonan 9-3, 9-1, 9-0; S Magdes bt J kyttanen 9-7, 9-1, 9-5, N Taylor bt M Monto 9-6, 9-2, 9-4 D IM-dodings bt T Tugarman 9-2, 9-2, 9-6), Wales 3 France 1 (Wales names first, A Gough to C Montagener 9-3, 9-4, 9-4, D Evans bt T Lincou 9-4, 9-10, 9-2, 10-9; G Davies bt S Gatti, 9-2, 9-7, 9-7, M Benjamm lost to J Mccuc 9-3, 3-9, 4-9, 9-4, 2-9), Final: England 4 Wales 0 (M Caims bt A Gough 9-3, 8-10, 3-9, 9-5, P S Meads bt G Davies 10-9, 9-5, 9-7; N Taylor bt M Benjamm 9-1, 9-1, 90), Lower-place play-offs: Denmark 3 Spain 1; Sweden 4 Ireland 0 (Sweden names first A Froren bt D Ryan 9-4, 9-10, 9-0, 9-5, D Forstund bt S Richardson 9-5, 9-3, 9-2, P F Johnson bt M Collins 9-5, 9-3, 9-3; J Thun bt P Foster 4-9, 9-3, 9-2, 9-6, Switzertand 2 Scolland 2 (Switzertand wn 8-6 on games countback, Switzertand names first M Eogenberger lost to P Nicol 4-9, 0-9, 4-9; L Harms lost to 3 Cowe 5-9, 9-3, 9-2, 4-9, 5-9; R Donarsch bt A Thomson 9-1, 9-5, 9-2, Y del Torno bt D Heath 9-7, 9-5, 9-11, Germany 3 Holland 1 Austina 2 Belgum 2 (Austra wn 7-6 on games countback), Norway 4 Lowenbourg 0, Portugal 4 Casch Republic 1, Hungary 4 Celand 0 Scolland 2 Holland 1 Austina 2 Belgum 9-4, 8-10, 3-9, 9-7, 9-9, 10

NETBALL

LACROSSE

TOKYO: Women's World Cup: Round robin: Australia 6 United States 4: England 10 Canada 4: Wales 3 Japan 6.

SHEPHERDS FRIENDLY SOCIETY

LEAGUE: Premier division: Cheedle Hutne 8 Boardman and Eccles 8, Mellor 11 Stockport 11 Postponed: Moorthorpe v Heaton Mersey

MOTORCYCLING

FOR THE RECORD

VALIX TYNESIDE SENIOR LEAGUE:
Burnopfield 237-6 Whickhem 216-5. Urz
253-7 Armfield Plan 215; South Moor 284-3
Greenside 299-9; Sacriston 212 Seaton
Burn 214-6; Shoitey Bridge 214-5 Swalwell
156-9
VORIKSHIRE LEAGUE: Rotherham 210-5
Cleethorpes 42-2 (match abandoned)
□ All other matches rained of

GYMNASTICS

HOCKEY

GUILDFORD: International junior worm-en's tournement: 1, Greal Britain 158 737pts, 2, Holland 165.618: 3, Switzer-land 157.174 Individual positions: 1, L Mason (GB) 35.262. 2, M Wikox (GB) 34.85

HA CUP: Semi-finals: Reading 10 St Albans 1; Surbiton 1 Teddington 3

Albans 1; Surbton 1 Teddington 3
MILTON KEYNES: Inter-League play-offs:
Pool A: City of Portsmouth 0 Chetristord 3;
Loughborough Students 4 Robinsons 1:
City of Portsmouth 1 Loughborough Students 2: Chetristord 4 Robinsons 1: Final positions: 1, Chetristord 9pts: 2;
Loughborough Students 6, 3, City of Portsmouth 3: 4, Robinsons 0: Pool 8: Edgbaston 1 Hampetend and Westminster 3, Norton 3 Anchorans 2: Edgbaston 2 Norton 1; Hampstead and Westminster 3, Norton 3: 4 Anchorans 2: Edgbaston 2: Norton 1; Hampstead and Westminster 3 Anchorans 1: Final positions: 1, Hampstead and Westminster 3 Anchorans 1: Final positions: 1, Hampstead and Westminster 3 (3, Norton 3; 4, Anchorans 0; Chelmistord and Hampstead and Westminster quality for National League)
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DUBLIN: Missan Irlsh Cup: Finat: Lisnagarvey 4 Pembroke W 3

MEN'S CLUB MATCHES: Droitwich 3 Wednesbury 3; Lichfield 7 Aldridge 0

Wednesbury 3: Lichheld 7 Akdridge 0
CHGWELL: Women's county champtonship: Finals: Group A: Surrey 1
Northamptonshire 0: Dorset 3 Humberside 2: Northamptonshire 0: Humberside 5: Surrey 2 Dorset 3: Northamptonshire 2. Final positions: 1. Dorset 90st; 2. Surrey 6: 3.
Humberside 3 Group B: Lancashire 0: Gloucestershire 2: Staffordshire 2: Kant 1: Lancashire 0: Staffordshire 1: Final positions: 1. Gloucestershire 1 Final positions: 1. Gloucestershire 1 Final positions: 1. Gloucestershire 7 pts: 2.
Staffordshire 1: Gloucestershire 7 pts: 2.
Staffordshire 5: 3, Kant 4: Final; Gloucestershire 5: 4.

shire 4 Dorset 0.
WOMEN'S CLUB MATCHES: Exerc CVH
2 White Eagles 11; Otton II 3 Harborne 2.

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: At Helsinid: Pool A: Czech Republic 2 Germany 1. Finland 6 France 1: Riussia 2 Stovelide 2. At Turku; Pool B: Canada 7 Norway 0: Sweden 5 Italy 3; United States 5 Latvia 4.

NATIONAL LEAGLE (NHL): Stanley Cup: Play-offs: Eastern Conference: New Jer-sey 4 Montreal 0 (New Jersey wn best-of-seven series 4-1), Philadelphia 6 Philaburgh 3 (Philadelphia win 4-1) Western Con-

ICE HOCKEY

☐ All other matches rained off

NORTHGATE SPORT CENTRE, Ipswich: Women's épée World Cup: 1, H Kraty (Hun): 2, f Chappe (Sp), 3 equal, A Hormay (Hun) and Misoelewska (Pol); 5, G Selay (Hun) British: 15, C Brown.

ST ANDREWS: International match: Foursomes: Scotland 2 France 2 (Scotland
names first. M Brooks (Cantuke) and B
Howard (Cochmane Castle) lost to C Revetto
and 0 David 2 holes. G Fankin (Palscerting),
and C Watson (East Renfrewshire) lost to F
flouz and B Nicolay 3 and 2, R Beames
(Wick) and E Forbes (Naim) bit F Stolear and
I Goroneskoul 1 hole. A Forsyth (Ralston)
and S Mackonzie (West Linton) bit JM de
Poto and G Havret 3 and 2). Singles:
Scotland 7 France 1 (Scotland names first:
Brooks bit Revetto 3 and 1; Ranion helved
with David, Howard bit flouz 2 and 1;
Forsyth bit Nicolay 7 and 6: Watson bit
Goroneskoul 3 and 2, Mackende halved
with Havret: Forbes bit De Poto 6 and 4,
Boemes bit Stolear 1 hole). Match position:
Scotland 9 France 3.
ASHBURNINAM: Camerthershire Open

Scotland 9 France 3.
ASHBURNIN-LAM: Camerthershire Open Championship: Leading final scores; 146: Y Taylor (Brythill) 77, 69; M Pflongson (Pwilhell) 78, 70 (Taylor wins on better scond-tound score). 148: D Harris (Strewsbury) 74, 74, 149: S Jones (Cardill) 77, 72, N Edwards (Wintchurch) 74, 75. 150: C Rees (Astriburnham) 77, 73 MOSTIL-COPOL NIL.

77. 72. N Edwards (Winterburch) 74. 75. 150: C Rees (Ashburcham) 77. 73 NORTH CAROLINA: Greater Greenstoore Classic: Leaders after three rounds (United States unless stated) 202: B Fexon 67. 70. 65: T Kite 67. 68, 67. 205: R Damron 66, 72, 67: E Bis SA, 69, 69, 67. J Kelty 68, 69, 68; K Tinplett 67, 69, 69, 202: B Andrade 72. 68, 67: N Ozaid (Japan) 68, 71, 68: G Day 72, 66, 69. F Nobrio (V.) 69, 69, 69: R Mediale 72, 66, 69. F Nobrio (V.) 69, 69, 69: R Mediale 72, 66, 69; R Cochran 72, 66, 69; R Nobrio (V.) 69; 69, 69: R Mediale 72, 66, 69; R Cochran 72, 66, 69; R Nobrio (V.) 69; 69, 69: R Golden 70, 70, 89; J Adams 71, 67, 70, 200: L Clements 70, 72, 67: C Rose 70, 71, 68: B Gelberger 70, 70, 89; P Michelson 71, 68, 70; D Hart 69, 69, 71: V Singh (Fiji) 69, 69, 71: D Bamon 70, 67, 72 Other scores: 211: P Tataurangi (NZ) 71, 69; 77. 215: Appletby (Aus) 70, 72, 77; S Elixington (Aus) 67, 71, 75; 216: H Racse (Japan) 73, 70, 71, 215: ALyle (Gl) 66, 77, 72; H Alercon (Max) 73, 69, 73 INA. Japaan: Kirin Open: Leading fings

(GB) 66, 77, 72; R Alercon (Mea) 73, 68, 73 INA, Japan: Kirin Open: Leading fixel scores (Japan: unless: stated) 278; Kirin Jong-Duk (Kor) 68, 73, 66, 68, 279; B Watts (US) 69, 70, 71, 69; T Ozaki 70, 73, 71, 65; H Mysse 70, 71, 68, 70, 280; R Todd (Cen) 71, 72, 67, 70; E Frait (GB) 69, 71, 71, 70, C Franco (Par) 71, 58, 69, 72; Z Moe (Burna) 67, 69, 69, 75, H Tanaka 70, 69, 69, 72, 261; Z Lianwer (Chima) 70, 71, 70, 70, 282; M Tschetter (US) 71, 73, 65, 73; M Czaki 72, 72, 71, 67; S Hgashi 69, 71, 74, 68.

JAKARTA: Indonesian Open: Leading terence: final scores: 280: C Parry (Aus) 67, 70, 74, win 4-2).

FENCING

GOLF

NATIONAL INTER-COUNTY LEAGUE: Promodors and relegators: First division: Chempions: Bedfordshire Runnersup: Essex Metropolian Relegated: Gloucestershire and Heritordshire. Second division: Promoted: Lent and Derbyshire Relegated: Wast Yorkshire and Lenceshire. Third division: Promoted: North Durham and Suffek Relegated: North Durham Fourth division: Promoted: Greater Menchester and Northamptorshire Relegated: Nortok and Worcestershire Fifth division: Promoted: South Suffershire Settle Staffordshire and North Bushorshire Relegated: Nortok and Worcestershire Fifth division: Promoted: South Suffordshire and North Bushonghamshire Shifth division: Promoted: Berkshire and Herefordshire

SEACOURT, Hayling latend: British wom-en's open championship: Semi-linels: P Lumley bt k Alen 6-1, 6-0: S Haswell bt k Leeming (Aus) 6-2, 6-1 Final: Lumley bt Haswell 6-3, 6-0

REAL TENNIS

SCHOOLS SPORT

ENGLISH CROYDON CUP: Final: Croydon 0 Worthing 3 London Pear Trophy: Final: Redbridge 3 North Kert 2 Lancashire Cup: Final: Rossendair 5 South Ribble 0. Contribian Shield: Semi-final: Literatura 2 Septiment 2 Miller 7 Pe

TENNIS

CYCLING

Road races SAN FARTY ANN CC (Bertnersden, Kent. 50 miles): 1, T Stevens (Fearn Clean) 1 hr 55min 06sec: 2, R Davison (Ross-shire RCC) 159526: 3, C Bax (Thanet RC) 20234, Tearn: San Farry Ann CC 6:1728

Hoad races

MAASTRICHT, Holland: Amstel Gold
World Cup race (256km): 1, 8 Riss (Den)
6th 11mm 19sec; 2, A Ta6 (ft) 6:12.05: 3, 8
Zberg (Switz), 4, L Roux (Fr), 5, M Glenetic
Switz) at same time, 6, M Barnol (ft)
6:12.06: 7, L Jalabert (Fr), 6:12.07: 8, A
Ichmil (Uni 5:12.27: 9, R Aldeg (Ger), 10, R
Sorensen (Den) both same time; 19, M
Scrandri (GB) same time. World Cup
positions (alter five races): 1, Bartoi
196(ps. 2, Sorensen 180; 3, Jalabert 107: 4,
Ichnal 104; 5, Riss 100; 15, Scandri 59.
OTHER RACES: Procam Classic two-day Tchmil 104; 5, Ris 100; 15, Scandri 59.

OTHER RACES: Procam Classic two-day (BCF Premer Celendar, East Vorkshrie): First stage (3.3-nile TD, 1, M filingworth (Heriow CC) 6mm 39 7sec; 2, R Reyles (1earn Ambrosta) 6:40.3, 3, W Randle (Castelli Sport) 6:42.3, Second stage (73 miles): 1, J Tanner (Controbvers FT) 2hr 50min 41sec; 2, J Remsbotiom (Adidas-Sci Con): same time, 3, J Clay (Manchester Procenty) at 10sec Third stage (83 miles): 1, R Moore (Sandy Wallace Cycles) 3min 12min 08sec; 2, P Mannung (Adidas-Sci Con): 3, R Hayles both same time. Overall: 1, J Clay Rh 11min 35sec; 2, J Tanner at 6sec; 3, W Randle at 23sec Chestrine Classic (Reynolds women's national senes, Weavernam, 48 miles): 1, S Boyden (Middindge CR) 2hr 06min 21sec; 2, M Johnson (Team Lusco): 3, M Lawrence (Team Ambrosia) both same time Milton Reynes CC Wing, Buckinghamstre, 81 miles): 1, D Balker (Welwyn Wheelers) 3hr 16che 27ce; 2 M Johnson (Team Caster) (Melwyn Wheelers) 3hr 16che 27ce; 2 M Johnson (Team Caster) (Melwyn Wheelers) 3hr 16che 27ce; 2 M Johnson (Team Caster) (Melwyn Wheelers) 3hr 16che 27ce; 2 M Johnson (Team Caster) (Melwyn Wheelers) 3hr 16che)

202:34. Team: San Farry Ann CC 8*17.28
OTHER RACES: Winners: Tooting BC Sporting (Dorking, 42 miles): C Smith (Bournerouth Jubire Wheeles): 1.43:26
Team: Tooting BC 5.54*01 Beacon RCC mountain (Great Wiley, Wocselsrahire, 38.5 miles): W Moore (Leo RC) 1:38:46
Team: Venom RT 5.28*43 Sheffield Proenix CC (Blyth, North Nortinghamshre, 25 miles): K Murray (Army TTI) 51*49 (event record). Team: JE James RT 241:41.
Meriborough AC (Marlow, 25 miles): E Adkins (Leo RC) 52*54 Team: Northovers VT 2:46*13 South Pennine RC (Rocester, Statifordshire, 25 miles): D Wiletts (Brutinied) CC) 53:10 (event record). Team: Stone Wheelers 2:47*36. Fullianton Wheelers (Filmamook, 25 miles): D Gibson (GS Modena) E3*16 Worthing Excelsion CC (Steyrung, West Sussex, 25 miles): S 7ates (Team Clean) 53:23 (event record). Team: Eastbourne Rovers 2:52:54. Pennine CC (Tadcaster, North Yorkshire, 25 miles): I Carrensh (Velo Vente) 53:50 Team: Vortshire RC 2:57:37. Maldon and District CC Sporting (Essex, 25 miles) G Taylor (Leo RC) 54:50 Team: Maldon and District CC 30:808. South Statfordshire and Team: Torsave no 231 / manual and District CC Sporting (Essex, 25 miles) G Taylor (Leo RC) 54:50 Team: Maldon and District CC 308:08. South Staffordshire CA (Gerley, 25 miles). A Sävester (Mid Shropshire Wheelers) 55:34 Team: Waisal RCC 2:53:35. Lancaster CC (Garstang, 25 miles): A Gates (Team Rapide) 55:44 Team: Water Co (25 miles): C Wallace (Hinwaun Wheelers) 58:52. Team: Abertillery Whoelers 3 19:04 Barrow Central Wheelers hilly (Novdoury, 30 kilometres): A Parker (Mid-Devon CC) 45:59 Lyma RC three-up (Store, Staffordshire, 14:5 miles) Venom HT (B Charley, R Bradley, P Nabi) 30:37 Sydenham Wheelers Radley, R Bradley, P Nabi) 30:37 Sydenham Wheelers (Icanhodge, 10 miles). S Yates (Team Clean) 20:00. Team: Team 20:00 1:03:10 Gloucester City CC (Rogerstone, Gwent, 10 miles): M Postie (Cwmcam Paragon) 20:43 Team: Cwmcam Paragon) 1:03:41

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Friday: Cleveland 11 Milwaul-ee 4, Baltmore 2 Boston 0; Chicago White Sox 9 New York Yankees 3: Seatile 13 Toronto 8 Texas 5 Minnesota 3. Anaherm 8 Detroit 3; Kansas City 10 Celdand 3 Saturday: Toronto 4 Seatile 3: Baltmore 14 Boston 5; New York Yankees 10 Chicago White Sox 2; Celdand 7 Kansas City 6 (Tilms), Milwaulee 9 Geveland 8. Texas 6 Minnesota 1, Detroit 2 Anaherm 0

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NATIONAL LEAGUE: Friday: Chicago Cubs 11 Pittsburgh 1. Florida 4 Los Angeles 2: Philadelphia 10 Cincinnati 7: Mortinal 4 New York Mets 1, Atlanta 5 San Diego 4, Houston 5 San Francisco 4: Colorado 5 St Louis 4 Saturday: Cincinnati 10 Philadelphia 2; Mortinati 8 New York Mets 1, Colorado 4 St Louis 2, Chicago Cubs 7 Pritsburgh 6, Florida 8 Los Angeles 3 Atlanta 3 San Diego 2 (10anns), San Francisco 2 Houston 0 Francisco 2 Houston 0

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Montreal 11 9 550

New York Mets 8 14 364

Philadelphia 7 14 333

Central division

Houston Housion Prisburgh Si Louis Cincinnati Chicago Cubs 635 476 333 318 190 8 11 14 15 17 West division co 15 5 15 5 11 9 9 11 San Francisco Colorado Los Angeles San Diego

RUGBY UNION

LEADING SCORERS: 274: G Ross (Wasps; 2 thee, 42 conversors, 60 penalty goals) 241: M Mapletoft (Gousseler: 5: 24c. 51pg. 5 dropped goals) 204: J. Callard (Bath: 3: 45c, 33pg.), 185: J. Lioy (Leocater: 3: 24c, 44pg.) 188: D Humphreys (London Insh. 4t, 20c. 40pg. 3dg) 176: P Burke (Bristol. 2r, 26c. 38pg.), 190: T Lacrox (Harlequiers: 2t. 24c, 31pg. 3dg) 125: P Greyston (Northempton. 1t, 14c. 28pg. 4dg) 114: C. John (West Harlequier), 127: P Gergston (Northempton. 1t, 14c. 28pg. 4dg) 114: C. John (West Harlequier), 5: T Beam (Sale), S. John (West Harlequier), 12: J Guscott (Bath), 10: J Steptimotine (Bath), 9: M Catl (Bath), 11 Harries (Harlequier), K Logan (Wasps), S. Rosser (Wasps), D. Tiuch (Bristol) Courage Clubs Championship First division 84 Sale Gloucester 20 Bristol 20 Gloucester Tries: Carter, Lloyd Const. Mapletott 2 Pents. Mapletott 2. Bristot; Tries: Lawsey, Maggs Const. Burka 2. Pents: Burka 2

Letcester 12 Harlequins 13 Letcester: Pene: J Liley 2, Stranby 2 Harlequins: Try; O'Leary. Com: Lacrob. Pens: Lacrox 2 Second division Northampton 15 Wasps 28 Northampton, Pens: Hepher 5 Wasps: Tites, Logari, Rosox, Cons: Rees 2 Pens: Rees 4 Covertry 30 Bedford Coventry: Tries: McAdam 2, Robinson 2 Cons: Hams 2, Pens; Hams 2, Bedford: Tries: Pluger, Platford. 22 Saracens Moseley 48 Rotherham Omes: Tries: Anglessa, McCarthy, Turner Cons: McCarthy 2 Pen: McCarthy, Sera-cens: Tries: HB, Johns, P Walsace Pensar, Singer, Soriel, pensity try Const Let 3. Pen: Los.

Moseley: Tries: Charron, Hall, Martin, Michell, O'Mahoriv, Rolland. Cons: Le Bas 5 Penes: Lo Bas 2. Rotherham: Tries: Easterby, Heaselgrove. Smitlar Con: Ashworth West Hardepool: Tries: D Mitchell, S Juhn Con: C John Pens: C John 2 London Irish: Tries: Humphreys, O'Connell, Red-mond, Richards, Woods Con: Woods Pens: Woods 2

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Wasps 21 17 1 3 643 384 35
Bath 20 14 1 5 763 254 29
Harlequints 20 14 0 6 687 355 28
Lefoester 21 14 0 7 580 375 28 Newcastle 71 London Scottish 20 Newcastle: Tries: Amstrong 2, Turganato 2, Arnold, Bentley, Childs, Graham, D'Neil, Stimpson, Walton Cores: Andrew 5, Stimpson 3 London Scottlist, Toes: Hunter, Lee, Stent Con: Lee Pen: Lee

Richmond 34 Nottingham 0 Richmond: Tries: A Moore 2, Clarke, Brown, Davies Pena: Mason 3. Leicester 21 14 0 7 560 375 28 Sale 21 13 1 7 563 505 27 Sarcons 20 10 1 9 487 420 21 Northampton 20 10 0 10 474 414 20 Wakafield 14 Blackheath Wakefield: Tries: Thompson, Worn Cons. Jackson 2: Blackheeth: Try: Fragerald. Pens: Howard 2: 8nstol 21 7 1 13 412 608 15 London Irish 20 6 0 14 475 654 12 Waterloo 45 Rugby 12 Weterloo: Tries: Mullins 2, Allott, Bruce, Suctron, Wool Wright Cone: Griffiths 5, Rugby Tries: Barr, Saunders Con: Barr.

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LEADING SCORERS: 324: S Mason
(Richmond, 10 tries 83 conventions, 36
ponally goals) 278: R Andres (Newtrastle
6, 87c, 23g, 1 dropped goal) 278: J
Seele (London Scottish) 5, 37c, 45ga,
40g) 236: J Hams (Coventry, 4, 48c,
33p, 35g), 13g, 177: R La Bas (Mozelley,
3, 27c, 36gg) 137: C Bratthrate
(Blootheath 2, 23c, 24gg, 3dg) 118: J
Bortley (Newtastle 23), 107: T Sumpson
(Newtastle, 13, 21c) Tries: 23: Bertley,
21: S Qurmell (Richmond), 20: J Faior
Richmond) 19: G Amstering (Newtastle)
17: A Smalleout (Coventry) 15: D
O'Mahony (Moseley) 14: A McAdam
(Coventry), 13: G Easterby (Rothartern), T
Simpson (Newtastle), B Whetstone
(Bottord).

Third division 25 Lydney Ciffon: Tries: Hendrick, O Sullikan Phäes, Smith. Cont. O'Sullivan Pent. O'Sullivan, Lydney: Tries: Bendalf, Davics, Hill, Jewitt, Johnson, Kros, Moek, Waterhern Const. Johnson 3, Pent. Johnson 39 London Wetsh 9 Pylde: Tries: Preston 2. Russell. Const. Gough 3. Pens: Gouch 5. Dropped goal-Gough London Welsh: Pens: Raymond 3. 10 Leads 74 Havant: Tries: Janes, Picnock, Leeds: Trits: Amounth 2, Appleson, Banchity 4

Cawthom, Perego, Radacanu, Siephers, Tupuloto, Const Ainscough 6, Tupuloto Liverpool St H 32 Harrogate Liverpool St Helens: Tries: Boyd, Gaskell, Hirthen, Humphrays Cons. Brett 3 Pens: Brett 2 Harrogete: Tries: Caldwell, Ferrar, Feuror, Morley Cons. Zong 2, Pen; Zong. Morley 58 Redouth Morley: Tries: Shepherd 2, Clark, Barker, Enwight. Graham, Holdsworth, Smith. Sykes, Wade. Cons: Grayshon 2, M Sales 2, Redruth: Pens: Saumi 2.

14 Exeter Otley Otlay: Try: Kelt, Pens: Ruledge 3, Exeter. Tries: Dixon 3, Con: Green, Pens: Green 3 25 Wharledale 10 Reading: Tries: Cocloice 2, Sparks, Const Boisnaw 2, Pens: Beishaw 2, Whartedate: Try: Dicknoon Con: Mounsey, Pen Mounsey Rosslyn Park 25 Walsell

Raymond (London Welsh, 6r, 36c, 57pg, 7dg), 287: P Ruffedge (Otiey, 8t, 56c, 45pg) 275. A Green (Easter, 4r, 51c, 48pg, 3dg); P Morral (Lydney, 3r, 31c, 65pg) 280: R Zong Hamogale; 4t, 57c, 39pg, 3dg) 257: J Dance (Reading 5t, 56c, 38pg) 206: P Brett (Liverpool St. Helens, 14r, 38c, 20pg) Triess 20: M Kridby (Otley), M Presion (Fydie) 18: M Appleson (Leedol, A Hodgson (Wharledaig) 14: Brett, S Tulpulotu (Leeds), B Wade (Mortey) 13: M Farrar (Harrogale), T Lewsey (London Welsh), J Shepherd (Moriey), S Smith (Moriey), G Sponcer (Reading), M Wicodman (Exster). Fourth division north

Fourth division south Henley 20 Berry Hill Henley 19 Chettenham High Wycombe 22 Askeans Met Police 17 Novinces 21 10 16 17 North Weishern

SOUTH WEST: First division: Barrelapte 18 Stroud 22. Bindowater 82 St Mes 10: Camborne 13 Modenhead 41; Launceston 34 Gioucestor Old Boys 24, Malson 13 Bristnam 9, Salcbury 22 Torquay 11 LONDON AND SOUTH EAST: First division: Sulton and Epsom 32 Basingstoke 11 MIDLANDS; First division; Beigrave 39 Leighton Buzzard 25. NORTH: First diMeion: Bradford and Bingley 20 Hull Ionians 15, Bindlington 11 Wigton 3: Broughton Park 15 New Singhton 16 Maccissfield 14 Stocklon 20, Widnes 13 Tynedale 12; West Park Bramhope 31 Sedglay Park 28.

Swalec Cup Final Final
Cardill 33 Swansea Carditi: Tries: Hall, J Thomas, Walker Cone: L Jervis 3. Pens: L Jervis 4 Swansea: Tries: Taylor 2, S Moore, penelty try. Cone: A Williams 3. (at Cardill Arms Park)

Welsh League First division 19 Newport 30 Treorchy: Tries: Hammans, P Jones, Pack Cons: Booth 2 Newport: Tries: I Jones 2

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SECOND DIVISION: Friday's late result: Aberavon 28 Cardif Institute 5 SRU Tennents Cup Semi-finals Boroughmuir 45 Heriot's FP Boroughmuir: Tries: McLean 2 Lard. Pans, Renton, Wylee Cons: Alticon 3 Pens; Althen 3.

(al Cume) Krkealdy 9 Metrose 36 Krkealdy: Pens: J Mitchell 2 Dropped goal: Ferguson. Metrose: Tries: Moncrett 3 Donnan, Hogg Cons: Shepherd 4 Pan: Shepherd SRU TENNENTS BOWL: Semi-finals: Bigger 27 Ross High 13 (at Neitherdale): Trinity Acadomicals 14 Selicit 22 (at Pacrypht).

Parrypht).
SRU TENNENTS SHIELD: Semi-finals:
Glasgow High/Kelvinside 51 Abordeon
GSFP 18 (at Chiffus Perk, Cuprar); Hawick 43
Cume 20 (at Gytes LC, Peables)

Super 12 tournament Wellington 60 Otago Wellington Humicanes: Tries: Umoga 3, Tolea 2, O'Haltoran 2, Cullen, Tialia Cons.

G Taylor, Lowry Cone: Lowry 2 Peres: Lowry 2 FRIDAY'S LATE RESULTS: Pontypridd 72 Neath 12, Durwant 15 Bridgend 0 (al Athletic Park, Wellington) ACT 56 NSW Australian Capital Territory Brumbees: Tress: Rott 2, Hardy 2, Nonega, Holbeck, Gregan, Knox Cons: Knox 5, Pens: Knox 2, New South Wales Warstahs: Pens: Burke 3

(at Bruce Stadium, Campena) Free State 27 Walkato Free State Creetahs: Tries: Eresmus, Van Wyl. Jruger, Bs. Cons: Smith 2. Pen: Smith. Walkato Chiefs: Try: Collins. Con: Cooper Pens: Cooper 2.

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> Kiraly, of Hungary, left, tussles with Chappe, of Spain, in the World Cup women's épée final at Ipswich, the British round of the fencing World Cup, yesterday. Kiraly won the contest 15-7. Photograph: Alban Donohoe

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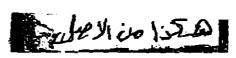
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RESULTS AND STATISTICS

TODAY

Interims: Stratagem. Finals: Alexandra Workwear, Chiroscience Crompton Group, Greaves, EIS Group, Grampian Television, S&U. Economic statistics: UK British Bankers' Association end-March mortgage lending, US new home sales (March), EU foreign ministers meet in Strasbourg.

TOMORROW

Interims: Advanced Power Components, Air London International, Fibernet Group, Huntingdon Life Sciences (Q1). Finals: Parambe, Ryans Hotels, Sears. Economic statistics: UK British statistics: UK British Bankers' Association quarterly analysis of bank lending, UK net new consumer credit (March), UK final M4 (March), Tokyo markets closed, French GDP (Q4), US durable goods (March), US employment costs index (Q1).

WEDNESDAY

Interims: BAT industries (Q1). Finals: David Brown Group, Grampian Holdings, Oliver Ashworth Group, Shiloh. Economic statistics: UK mortgage repossessions (Čį́i), French unemployment (March), US GDP advance data (Q1), Bundesbank Council meeting.

THURSDAY

Interims: Royal Dutch Petroleum (Q1), Shell Transport & Trading (Q1). Finals: none scheduled. Economic statistics: UK general election, UK Chartered institute of Purchasand Supply purchasing managers

German, French, Spanish, Italian, Swiss, Finnish, Norwegian and Belgian markets closed.

FRIDAY

Interims: Unilever (Q1). Finals: none scheduled. Economic statistics: UK April official reserves.





MICHAEL CLARK

Sears plods along behind the pack

SEARS: The City is hoping that a conclusion will be reached this week to the long-running saga of the sale of its Freemans mailorder business. Littlewoods, the original bidder, dropped out after it discovered that Sears was also having talks with N Brown. Later, N Brown also dropped out of talks after taking a look at the books at Freemans.

Liam Strong, chief executive, is coming under increasing pressure from the institutions to quit. He will need a successful conclusion to the Freemans deal if he is to carry on. Last-minute talks were going on this weekend in an attempt to clinch a deal with Littlewoods.

This is unlikely to detract from the fact that Sears's full-year figures tomorrow will be appalling. NatWest Securities, the broker, is forecasting a drop in pre-tax profits for the year to January of almost 30 per cent, from £75.4 million to £55 million. The damage to earnings is likely to be even worse with a fall of 44 per cent.

from 4.5p to 2.5p.
In January, the group gave an indication of what was to come with its trading statement. This showed like-for-like sales ahead just I per cent in the second half, with sales in the run-up to Christmas actually down by half a point.

The worst performance once again came from British Shoe Corporation where like-for-like sales were down 2.8 per cent and were matched by a similar drop in the gross margin. Last year's profit of E15.9 million is likely to be replaced this time round with an £8 million deficit. There have also been signs of a slowdown at Selfridges.

Despite the problems, brokers are confident that the payout will be maintained at 3.95p.

SHELL TRANSPORT & TRADING: Brokers have been taking an increasingly optimistic line about the group's first-quarter figures on Thursday. after better than expected trading news from some of the big US oil companies, including Mobil and Pennzoil.

These showed a much-needed pick-up in profits of their down-



stream operations, in spite of the higher crude price in the early part of the year. This follows a pick-up in oil-related products in

Nevertheless, brokers are still looking for a downturn in net income of 17 per cent from £1.6 billion to £1.35 billion. The setback has been precipitated by a decline in upstream earnings. The mild weather has taken its toll of the group's high-margin European gas sales, offsetting the benefits of dearer oil prices. In contrast, the first quarter of 1996 showed the benefits of high

margins in the Far East and low costs.

It is to be hoped that the results will also contain further evidence that the group has started to improve the return on capital and that dividend growth has exceeded market expectations as a result of the strong cash flows.

BAT INDUSTRIES: The company is likely to be pressed for an update on the situation on tobacco litigation in the US and the corporate restructuring that is currently under way when it reports first-quarter figures on Wednesday. It is unlikely in the wake of Friday's annual general meeting that these figures will

contain any surprises. Brokers are looking for a modest increase in pre-tax profits of about 7 per cent, from £566 million to £605 million, with earnings per share up lp, at 11.9p. The tobacco operation is ex-

pected to have benefited from price rises which will boost profit contributions from both Europe and Latin America, although the gains in the US will have been offset by the increased cost of litigation and the sale of some

tobacco brands. Small advances are also expected on the financial services side where Allied Dunbar's contribution should reflect the recovery in life assurance sales last year.

The only weak spot is likely to be Farmers, its Californian insurance division, where personal lines insurance rates are likely to be weak reflecting the absence of the earthquake element from old and new home insurance premiums. For the full year NatWest is forecasting a final outcome of E2.77 billion.

UNILEVER: Recent speculation about the disposal of its speciality chemicals division to ICI will take a back seat on Friday, when the group unveils first-quarter fig-ures. David Lang, at Henderson Crosthwaite, the broker, is forecasting a subdued performance from the Anglo-Dutch food and household products giant.

He is looking for a 5 per cent increase in pre-tax profits to £530 million and points out that there are two days less than the normal 65-day period during the period under review. This will result in a 3 per cent reduction in sales, cutting potential quarterly growth by almost 4 per cent for a total turnover of £7.9 billion.

The final profits figure has been struck after exceptional costs of £15 million. Currency translations could result in an estimated 7 per cent hit, with earnings down by 5 per cent to 16.2p.

Trading conditions generally remain mixed. Europe is still flat, with consumer confidence weak in both Germany and France. The two countries account for 40 per cent of European turnover. The only exceptions are Britain and Holland. Lang says he will also be watching closely for signs that consumer spending in the US has started to come off the

The warm start to spring and an early Easter should help to reduce seasonal losses from ice cream, while the result from edible fats should be solid. Frozen foods are also expected to improve without the hindrance of last year's provisions totalling £14 million from Birds Eye.

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

Spotlight on IMF reform

THE WORLD's finance ministers - with the exception of Kenneth Clarke who is canvassing in Nottingham - are in Washington this week for the conclusion of the IMF/World Bank Spring get-together. The meetings over the next two days are expected to grapple with the thorny issue of reform of the International Monetary Fund as well as exploring plans to help developing countries. That said, most observers expect any breakthrough agreements to be delayed until autumn.

At home there is little economic data for the markets to get excited about and only a sudden swing in the polls is likely to cause

much reaction ahead of Thursday.

Consumer credit figures are due tomorrow, with MMS International, the economic forecasting group, predicting a slight fall in credit growth, from £1.2 billion in February to £1.1 billion. The Manufacturing Purchasing Managers in-dex on Thursday is likely to show the pound continuing to take its toll. The data might just give an incoming Chancellor pause for thought before sending the pound even higher with a rate rise.

Abroad, attention will be focused on America, where a raft of data will set the tone for the Fed meeting. On Tuesday, the quarterly employment cost index is expect-ed to show labour cost pressures increasing, with MMS forecasting a rise of 0.9 per cent compared with 0.8 per cent at the end of last year. The first-quarter GDP figures on Wednesday are likely to show economic growth remaining well above trend at 3.8 per cent - although flat on the previous quarter. Further evidence of the tightening labour market is expected in Friday's employment data for April. MMS is forecasting that the number of workers on non-farm payrolls will rise by 200,000, compared with 175,000 in March. Hourly earnings are also expected to rise again, although growth is expected to slow slightly to 0.3 per cent (0.4 per cent the previous month).

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SUNDAY TIPS

The Sunday Times: Buy Alfred McAlpine, Soccer Inv. Johnson Matthey, MMS Petroleum, Cosalt; Sell Bodycote. The Sunday Telegraph: Buy Westport, European Motor Holdings, Brammer, Windsor; Hold Lopex; Sell Scottish & Newcastle. The Mail on Sunday: Buy Mosaic Inv. Fishers International: Hold Glaxo. The Express on Sunday: Buy Mosaic, Claremont Garments, RTZ; Sell ICI.

CrestCo faces first windfall test today

By ADAM JONES

CREST, the City's new sharesettlement system, today faces the first of two vital tests following the Alliance & Leicester demutualisation. Windfall shares sold on

behalf of many of the former building society's 2.2 million members in the first three auctions last week are due for settlement today. Smooth processing is vital to CrestCo, the operating company, which is seeking to end a run of

aisastrous Stock Exchang flirtations with technology.

Paul Symons, of CrestCo. said that roday's settlements should pose no problems since the shares were sold to a relatively small number of institutions: "The total number of additional transactions is a few thousand." This includes early sales in the open market.

Mr Symons said that currently Crest is processing

day, well below the 150,000 it handled at the end last month. indicating that there is enough excess capacity to cope.

However, a bigger test would come a week tomorrow, he said. Faced with investors who wanted to sell shares held in paper certificate form in the open market last week, many brokers have been putting through trades to settle in ten. rather than the usual five.

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would not say how many trades were expected, but 900,000 investors opted to receive shares in this form. Before the Alliance &

Leicester deals, brokers had complained that share certificare-based trades were taking too long to settle.

CrestCo was open for brokers inquiries on Saturday the first weekend opening, and was used by 53 companies.

Time runs out for insurance salesmen

BY MARIANNE CURPHEY INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

THE days of the sharp insurance salesman, a ligure who arouses fear and suspicion in equal measure among customers, could numbered.

Within years he could be all but replaced by the telephone and other electronic devices to sell simple insurance products such as motor and term life policies, according to a survey to be published this week.

With products becoming streamlined, he will not even be required to dream up new policies to peddle to consumers. Instead, only those who sell to rich clients, or who listen to what customers want. will survive. This gloomy outlook for the

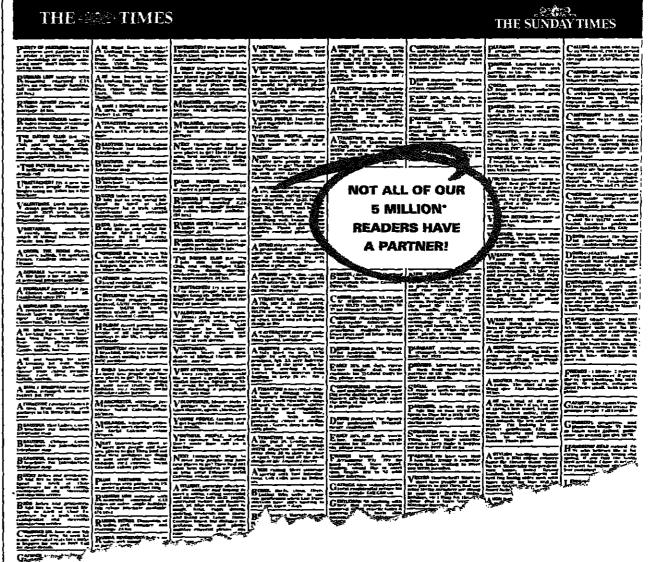
salesman is painted by the Economist Intelligence Unit's survey of 160 insurance executives from around the globe.

IBM UK, which co-

ordinated the questionnaire, said: "Direct interaction with consumers via the Internet and online services will have a dramatic impact on one of the enduring icons of the industry — the insurance salesman." Alan Kerr, of IBM, said

most insurers believed they would need to design far fewer new products and "only the best" among staff would survive.

The EIU also found that insurance executives were keenly aware of encroaching competition from banks and retailers. More than half of the respondents thought their company would grow through a merger or acquisition.



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Japanese warn of snubbing anti-euro UK

BY DAVID WATTS

JAPANESE investment in Britain is likely to be cut if there is no decision to join the single currency, a senior Japanese trade official says.

"Japanese businessmen dream of a world where there would be no exchange-rate fluctuation risk," said Noboru Hatakeyama, president of the Japan External Trade Relations Organisation (Jetro). He says he is puzzled by opposition to economic and monetary union in both the Conservarive and Labour parties.

"Now the dream is being realised in Europe and, of course, Japanese companies invested here are expecting their dream to come true. Then both of your parties take a negative view," he said in an interview with The Times.

Emphasising that Jetro had no formal view, he said that. while Britain might gain from having a cheap currency in the initial stages of a single currency, it could later turn sour for British trade. Much would took part initially. If it turned

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out to be stronger European nations such as Germany. France, Belgium and Holland then the value of the pound could be expected to decline relative to the euro, boosting Britain's trading position.

"But in the long run what

will happen? Britain might come under pressure to revalue the currency because nonparticipation might be seen as a deliberate ploy to keep a cheaper currency. Also, as other countries with weaker economies joined, the value of the euro might go down and then a risk would be realised to investors in the UK. In the short term it might be all right but in the long term Japanese investors would be affected."

It would be difficult to see how Japanese investors could go ahead with their plans while there was such uncertainty, he said. Mr Hatakeyama is only the second senior Japanese industrial figure to go on the record with his views on a single currency after offthe-cuff remarks by Hiroshi Okuda, president of Toyota,

earlier this year. He expressed doubts about the viability of future investment if Britain stayed out and was widely believed to be reflecting the car group's corporate view. A subsequent disclaimer only served to underline how accurate his comment had been in

Earlier this year, Kogaku Inaba, chairman of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry, was quoted as saying: "Europe should edge slowly to monetary union but. if Britain is outside, Japanese investment policy might be changed a little bit. Britain must be economically consolidated in Europe."

Japanese corporations began to look on Europe as a federated state, for organisational purposes, when the concept was still in its infancy. Some 250 Japanese firms operate in Britain with a further 100 conducting research and development here. Over the past 45 years some 40 per

Europe has come to Britain.



Naomi Campbell, the model, with Tommy Hilfiger, whose store has helped to boost rents

Fashion's designs on Bond St

THE arrival on Bond Street in London of large stores for the cheaper "diffusion" lines of international designers such as Tornmy Hilfiger, Calvin Klein and Prada is making it one of the hottest areas for retail property in Europe, according to a report (Sarah Rents on Bond Street are

rising at more than 10 per cent every year. Its small traditional shops are being knocked together and rebuilt inside to provide the 10,000 to 20.000 sq ft the designers Parker, the property company, says in the report on store expansion published to-

day. Russell Schiller, who compiled the report. says Bond Street rents are likely to carry on rising faster than rents elsewhere for at least another year.

The report says it remains to be seen whether the returns on Bond Street "justify the high level of capital outlay and the buoyant rents".

changes are expected shortly.

ment within four weeks. If

ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENT WARKET derstood to be planning a review of the nominated adviser system to protect companies on the Alternative Investment Market from being stranded when an

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(a) The action of striking or breaking with a snapping sound, particularly the shaping of flints to produse smooth faces, as seen on East Anguan chorches, particularly of the Perpendicular period. Also in the preparation of gun-flints. An echoic word of Dutch and Low German origin. As in the case of other words that express an action by an imitation of its sound, the sense diverges in various directions, according as the sound or the action is prominent. In knack we think more of the sound, in knap of the stroke and its result.

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(b) The humpback salmon (Oncorhyncus gorbuscha), a fish closely allied to the salmon, a native of the waters of kamschatka, Alaska and Oregon. The OED says Amer Indian

(b) An attendant or retainer kept by a nobleman or landowner, tight-litting upper garment. Scott, The Monastery, 1820: "The chiefs and landed proprietors retaining in their service what were called jackmen, from the 'jack', or doublet quilted with iron, which they wore as defensive armour." HONISH

(b) To bring to disgrace or ruin: to dishonour, insult; to destroy, put an end to. From Old French and High German roots. William Langland, Piers Plowman, 14th century (spelling partially modernised): "Honish him as an hound, and hoten him go hence!"

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Adviser system review

The move by the Exchange, which regulates the junior bourse, comes after Brown Shipley, the merchant bankers, resigned as an adviser

leaving clients a month to find a replacement. Under current rules, shares of AIM companies are suspended if they fail to find a replace

two months elapses the hares are ejected. There have been calls for a longer notice period and

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Next Chancellor must act fast to restrain domestic growth

The problem with booms is that they all too often end in bust. There is a rising probability of this unless the Chancellor, whoever he is after Thursday, acts early to curb economic growth.

Interest rate decisions are complicated at present by the strength of sterling, particularly since UK inflation is very sensitive to movements in the exchange rate. The 20 per cent appreciation in sterling since the beginning of 1996 has already contributed to a fall in food prices of 1.6 per cent over the past year. There is also scope for goods price inflation to improve in coming months, reflecting the recent collapse in core producer output price inflation. These trends alone could reduce underlying retail price inflation to

about 2 per cent by the end of the year, well within the Government's target of 25 per cent or less. If sterling retains its present strength, underlying inflation could easily aver-

age 2 per cent during 1998. While the pound

remains this strong or, worse, moves higher, it is hard to see any Chancellor displaying much enthusi-asm for raising interest rates significantly.

Despite this favourable

near-term outlook for inflation, there are mounting longer-term concerns. Notable among these are the persistent upward creep in service price inflation to a two-year high; the marked tightening observed in the labour market and the associated rise in average earnings growth to 5 per cent; the high level of consumer confidence: rising house price inflation; and rapid monetary growth. Unless the ex-change rate has risen sufficiently to bring economic growth back to a trend rate, which seems unlikely, these underlying inflation-ary pressures will eventually

risks. The current policy mix will slow the economy by hitting the export and manu facturing sectors. In the meantime, interest rates will not be high enough to prevent the service sector and consumer spending from expanding rapidly, putting further upward pressure on average earnings and service sector inflation. The cost will also be a

Even if growth does slow,

there are still inflationary

Britain is booming, says the Tories general election slogan. serious deterioration in the balance of payments. At existing exchange rates, the current account could move from balance last year to a deficit of more than 2 per cent of GDP in 1998. At some point the worsening current account deficit will undermine the exchange rate; interest rates may then need to be raised sharply to prevent a marked pick-up in inflation - in effect a mini rerun of the late 1980s experience.

One potential way to avoid such an out-turn would be for Gordon Brown to tighten fiscal policy significantly further in his July Budget if Labour wins on Thursday. However, the scope for personal tax increases seems pretty limited given the commitments Labour has already made. Nor. after last year's sizeable un-dershoot in the PSBR, could Gordon Brown say that the worse than he thought. So the burden of policy tightening seems almost inevitably monetary

landing for the economy is if the current period of sterling strength proves to be shortlived. Interest rates could then be raised sufficiently to curb domestic demand without crushing the export

policy. In this case, the

While this is our central forecast, the longer the pound remains strong the greater the odds of a more pronounced cycle in economic activity over the next two years. There is an increasing threat of unsustainably fast domestic demand growth this year and next leading to a hard landing for the economy, probably in 1999, as the authorities battle to keep inflation down. This environment poses

dilemmas for gilt investors. Lower inflation this year is obviously good for the gilt market, but sustainable gains will be difficult until there is clear evidence that the economy is slowing. Since tangible evidence of this may be elusive for much of the year, gilts will remain range bound against German bunds for several more months. With German bunds looking overvalued, ten-year gilt yields are likely to end the year just above 8

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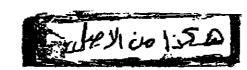
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TALK about relative price levels across countries and people immediately take you for an economist and pass on. Talk about currencies and the conversation comes alive with issues of national pride and prestige. Yet currencies are simply the medium through which prices in different countries are made comparable. In one sense people imbue them with too much significance, in another with too little.

Last week President Chirac of France said that the euro would be "the equal of the dollar and the yen. The unspoken implication was that this would confer great benefits upon the people of France. Europe and perhaps even the world. But how? One can readily see that the prestige of European politicians and officials would be enhanced by being able to look their American and Japanese equivalents in the eye at international meetings.

According to one view of the world, we owe our prosperity directly to the outcome of such gatherings. People who believe

having to ask shareholders to

finance the £65 million project.

hit by worries that it will

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However, Mark Corbidge,

joint chief executive of

Newcastle, said that the club

has been approached by a

number of City banks with

attractive propositions to fin-

ance the stadium without

draining the club's resources.

Among the plans is a loan

or bond package secured on

the future gate receipts from

Castle Leazes. Instead of a

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and ticket sales at the stadium.

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The club's shares have been

Currency fetishism rife on top table

this are suffering from an advanced case of Top Table Mentality. For the rest of us, the prestige politicians at international meetings is not the decisive issue. What does it amount to? Will it butter any parsnips? Or, as they say across the channel, où est le boeuf? Last week another Frenchman, M Dominique Strauss-Kahn, a leading member of the Socialist Party, hinted at one possible answer. The euro must counterbalance American domination and favour growth and jobs". But are these distinct objec-

from the other? I cannot see much evidence in Britain of jobs lost through "American domination". Maybe it is different in France. But, given the relative performance of the American and European economies over recent years, perhaps France

tives or is one supposed to follow

might benefit from rather more American domination.

More generally, there does not seem to be any evidence that the size of a currency's area of circulation has much direct effect upon the standard of living of the people whose government issues it. True, the world's most important currency, the dollar, is issued by a country with one of the highest standards of living in the world, while very poor countries have currencies that are irrelevant internationally. But here the relationship runs from the size and success of the economy to the size and importance of the currency. and not the other way round.

Indeed, some of the richest countries in the world are small, and their currencies are small as well. Switzerland, Sweden and Denmark immediately spring to mind. Sometimes a country's cur-



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rency can be more important internationally than the weight of its economy would justify. But this is far from an unalloyed blessing, as Britain discovered after the war when sterling's status as a reserve currency greatly complicated the task of managing domestic economic policy. And having an internationally traded currency

has several times landed the Swiss in serious economic difficulties as the exchange rate has been driven to ruinously high levels.

Then there is the case of German reunification. This made the mark "bigger". But did it make it better? And did it contribute to increased German living standards? But perhaps I am doing the "Chirac view" an injustice.

Perhaps the importance of being the equal of the dollar and the yen" stems rather from the links between the size of the currency area and other sources of prosperity. This view could have drawn support from a German Federation of Chemical Industries report, which concluded that a European single currency would permanently improve" the competitiveness of the industry by ironing out terestingly, a KPMG study reporting last week came to the opposite conclusion. It said the advent of the euro will cause an even faster shake-out of inefficient capacity in the chemical industry.

One of the most remarkable leatures of the euro project is its ability to attract supporters whose interests and views of the future are completely opposite. Coping with currency fluctuations must count as one of the lesser problems with which the modern business manager has to deal, thanks to cheap hedging instruments. Meanwhile, the real forces of competition and consolidation will cause problems for industry, single currency or no. The one view imbues the single currency with unrealistic hopes for gain. The other seeks to saddle it with the responsibility for painful adjust-

ment that is necessary anyway. Both are examples of currency

fetishism. Ironically, both views ascribe near-magical properties to currencies while missing the sense in which they can be really important, namely the level at which the exchange rate is fixed and the need, from time to time, for that level to change, as we discovered when we left the Gold Standard in 1931, and again when we left the ERM in 1992.

The task facing the managers of a country's money is both simple and difficult. They are neither the source of a country's wealth nor the fount of its prestige. Their role is simply to avoid making mistakes, either domestically through the creation of inflation or slump, or internationally through the gross misalignment of a country's currency with others.

There is no reason to believe that they are more likely to manage this task well if the currency is "big". They are more likely to manage it badly, however, if the institutions and structures are wrong. And then, the bigger the

Newcastle looks at selling stadium before it is built

NEWCASTLE UNITED may This may be done on a salenot actually own the new and-leaseback arrangement to 55,000-seat stadium it is plantake advantage of the £37 million of tax losses on Newning to build at Castle Leazes. It may pre-sell it to a property castle's balance sheet. developer or a bank to avoid

-What is the benefit of owning your own stadium?" asked Mr Corbidge. "French. Italian and German clubs do not own their stadiums." However, a sale to a bank or

a property company raised the spectre of deals struck in the 1980s that led to problems for leading clubs. Chelsea had a long battle to regain control of its ground at Stamford Bridge after it was sold first to Mahler Estates and then to Cabra Estates. After Cabra collapsed, the freehold passed to Royal Bank of Scotland, which then sold it to Matthew Harding, the club's deputy chairman, whose heirs now own the ground after Mr Har-

ding's death. industry experts have also raised concerns about the expense of the Newcastle sta-

dium, which the club has budgeted at £65 million. In the North East, Middlesbrough built a 30.000-seat stadium at Riverside for a mere £12 million, and Sunderland is putting the finishing touches to its 41,000-seat new

ground at Wearmouth, which

costing £16.5 million. Graham Fryer, of Drivers Jonas, the surveyors, was consulted on both projects. He sees no reason why a top-flight stadium should cost more than £20 million before fitting-out costs and recently said he could not understand why Castle Leazes was costing so much. According to figures from Newcastle, the basic stadium

tive boxes and £10 million for other facilities. The club hopes to win planning permission soon so that it can complete the stadium in time for the start of the

will cost E40 million, with

another £15 million for execu-

Brown: 53 per cent ownership

CWC comes to market worth £5bn

BY ERIC REGULY

BRITISH TELECOM'S strongest competitor is born today, when the shares of Cable and Wireless Communications (CWC), a E5 billion phone and multimedia company, begin trading on the London and New York stock exchanges.

CWC, at a stroke, will have 10 per cent of the £21 billion telecommunications market, with 1.1 million phone customers and 600,000 cable-TV customers. It is being formed from the merger of Mercury Communications, which was 80 per cent owned by Cable and Wireless, and the Nynex. Bell CableMedia and Videotron phone companies.

C&W. whose chief executive is Dick Brown, will own about 53 per cent. The North American parent companies of Nynex and Bell Cable-Media, which recently bought Videotron, will own 18.5 per cent and 14.2 per cent, respectively. The remaining 14.7 per cent will be in public hands.

Analysts expect CWC to be capitalised at between \$4.5 billion and £5.5 billion. The shares will open for trading in London at 230pm. With £1.3 billion in initial net debt, a capital expenditures pro-

gramme of £2.3 billion over the next two years and slim profits, it is unlikely that CWC will pay a dividend until the turn of the century. CWC's formation could

trigger a global telecoms realignment. France Télécom, which is to be privatised after the French election, has held talks aimed at bringing CWC into its Global One alliance with Deutsche Telekom and Sprint. A C&W spokesman said no deal was imminent.



astic about the opening next month of his eighth 240-seater restaurant. A sector that is bubbling away quite happily at the moment is, according to experts, about to go off the boil - the great British stomach has had its fill of giant eateries. In the restaurant trade they

say that what happens in London happens in the regions six months later. So on Friday, City Centre Restaurants was happily paying £17.75m for Est Est Est, an upmarket chain of Italian diners in the North of England. Familiar brands as well as state-of-the-art restaurants such as Manchester's Mash and Air, are plying their trade outside the capital. In the last decade alone, the number of restaurants in London has grown by 3,000 to 8,000. But now the experts predict that

indigestion is about to set in.
The bubble will burst in nine months," says Richard Shepherd, owner of Langan's Brasserie in Mayfair, not far from Sir Terence's Quaglino's, which opened in 1993. "The eating-out trend will carry on. hut customers will become more discerning. People will look for an overall packa the cuddle factor. They don't want to be anonymous; they don't want to come in and go out on a conveyor belt. They want to be made comfortable, and eat a good meal that's value for money."

A chef until recently in his 240-seater restaurant, of which actor Michael Caine is a partner. Shepherd cites his background in the kitchen as The fashion for eating out may be

losing flavour, says Morag Preston

his safety net. "There's a difference between being an operator and an entrepreneur. My small amount of business acumen tells me that if the product is right, then the business will follow. The moment accountants start leading the business, then you have a problem." he says.

Chris Bodker, entrepreneur and owner of Avenue on St James's Street, has not come from a catering background. Formerly at BZW, Bodker left the City to set up the successful eatery with the backing of 70 investors; he bought in restaurant expertise and already has plans for at least one new restaurant before the year end.

Shepherd remains sceptical: "I know what it has taken out of me and my staff to keep on the tracks over the past 20 years. As soon as a crack appears, I know how to fill it before it starts splitting. With 500 people to look after and no experience, that's harder to do.'

In the long term, location is a key factor. Chilis, a vast Tex-Mex restaurant, that opened and closed within the last year despite its success in America. was at the wrong end of Shaftesbury Avenue. Operated by the Restaurant House Group, which has the franchise for Europe, it took a huge capital investment to start the restaurant, which was housed

er & Hotelkeeper, the trade magazine. It is the smaller restaurants that will attract new custom. according to Trevor Watson of the property consultants Davis Coffer Lyons, who refers to "the restaurants graveyard". He says: "The number of large restaurants opening has reached a plateau of late, due to lack of players. The fittingout costs are huge and fashion plays an important part. If the payback period is only between two and three years. you've got to be seriously

profitable. The strongest mar-

ket is among restaurants between 3,000 and 7,000 sq ft.

Five years ago, 5,000 sq ft would have been a very big

in a refurbished listed build-

ing. "People are working long-

er hours and eating out more

than ever. That looks set to continue, but we have a long

way to go before we eat out as

much as Americans." says

Angela Jameson, of The Cater-

unit, but that's average now," It is too late for some small restaurants who have been squeezed out of the high street in the same way as large supermarkets have gobbled up their smaller counterparts. The first hint of a recession and the small restaurants will he in trouble," says Erica Brown, editorial director of The Egon Ronay Guides. "A restaurants changed hands over the last decade and people are overreaching themselves, borrowing huge amounts of money for fancy decor."

Success also has its downfalls, according to Jameson: "If you budget for so many customers and then that number doubles, many restaurants don't have the investment in



Food for thought in the kitchen for Sir Terence Conran

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operators into action.

Flying Colours, the leisure

breaking franchising deal.

the double for BA By OLIVER AUGUST

PLANS by British Airways to contract out low-vield routes in a move to become a "virtual airline" have stirred charter

group that acquired Club 18-30, will double its fleet of aircraft over the next two years to fly BA passengers. The new UK charter carrier is expected to operate a host of routes to the Americas, flying under BA colours in a ground-

Flying Colours at

Errol Cossey, the Flying Colours chief executive and a pioneer of charter aviation, is committed to leasing another four new Boeing 757s by 1999. The carrier took delivery of its first four Boeings in March. Flying Colours and BA

refuse to comment on plans to franchise out all routes to primary holiday destinations. with BA acting as a holding company, lending its brand

1999-2000 season.

name to the flight operator. The contracting out of flight services is part of BA's El billion cost-cutting programme unveiled last year. Earlier this month, BA announced the sale of its Heathrow catering division, which produces 50.000 meals a day.

BA has concluded several franchise agreements on short-haul routes in Europe. The extension of the trimdown exercise to long-haul operations is the next savings measure masterminded by Bob Ayling, the ambitious BA



ROBECOGROUP

ROBECO N.V.

(investment company with a variable capital)

Robeco NV announce a cash dividend of Fls 3.52 per ordinary share of Fls 10 (Fls 0.352 per sub-share) for the financial year 1996 BEARER SHARE CERTIFICATES WITH COUPONS ATTACHED

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28 April 1997



PRUDENTIAL CORPORATION PLC

TENDER OFFERS BY PRUDENTIAL FOR UP TO 5.4 PER CENT. OF THE ENLARGED SHARE CAPITAL OF ST. JAMES'S PLACE CAPITAL PLC ("SJPC")

On 9 April 1997, the boards of SJPC and J. Rothschild Assurance Holdings ple ("JRAH") asmounced, inter alia, a Scheme of Arrangement (the sals") whereby SJPC would acquire all of the issued share capital of JRAH which it did not already own. At the same time, Prudential Corporation plc ("Predential") amounced Tender Offers to be made on its behalf by J. Henry Schroder & Co. Limited ("Schroders") to acquire up to approximately 30.5 million ordinary shares of 15p each in the capital of SJPC ("SJPC Shares") in order to bring Predential's interest in SJPC's share ital, as proposed to be increased by the implementation of the Proposals (the "Enlarged SJPC Share Capital"), to 29.9 per cent. Since the s, Predential has acquired 10 million SJPC Shares. Schroders, on Prudential's behalf, is therefore now tendering for the balance of 21.7 million SAPC Shares.

The Tender Offers comprise an offer to acquire by tender existing SIPC Shares (the "SIPC Shareholder Tender Offer") and an offer to acqu by tender SIPC Shares to which shareholders in IRAH as at 25 April 1997 ("IRAH Shareholders") will become entitled upon the Proposals becoming ffective (the "JRAH Shareholder Tender Offer"). The JRAH Shareholder Tender Offer is conditional on the Proposals

issue to JRAH Shareholders of new SJPC Shares. The Tender Offices are conditional on the receipt of tenders in respect of at least 4.0 million SIPC Shares (representing 1.0% of the Enlarged SIPC Share Capital). If tenders for less than such number of SIPC Shares are received the Tender Offers will be void. Subject to these two conditions, all

ning effective in accordance with their textus, and the allotment and

The Tender Offers are at a fixed price of 130p per SJPC Share. Prudential currently owns, or is deemed to control, approximately 20.4 million SJPC Shares, representing approximately 7.3% of SJPC's present issued ordinary

The Teader Offer will close at 3.00 p.m. on Monday, 12 May 1997 and no traders received after that time will be accepted. The result of the Tender Offers and, if applicable, the extent to which tenders will be scaled down will be announced by 8.30 a.m. on Tuesday, 13 May 1997.

The Tener Offers document and its accompanying Form of Tender have been posted to JRAH Shareholders. SJPC shareholders can obtain the Tender Offers document and Form of Tender from the addresses set our below SJPC shareholders and JRAH Shareholders wishing to tender their SJPC Shares should lodge their duly completed Form(s) of Tender, together (if relevant) with their share certificates and/or other documents of title either by hand only at The Royal Bank of Scotland plc, Registrars Department, New Issues Section, PO Box 633. 5-10 Great Tower Street. London EC3R SFR, or by post or hand to arrive at the Royal Bank of Scotland pic, Registrars' Department, New Issues Section, PO Box 859, Consort House, East Street, Bedminster, Bristol BS99 IXZ no later than 3.00 p.m. on 12 May 1997, Settlement of the consideration due in respect of SJPC Shares tendered and accepted, will be made: (i) to SJPC shareholders, 5 business days after the SJPC Shareholder Tender Offer closes (and, where

alloned and issued in accordance with the Proposals. This is a summary of the terms of the Tender Offers, full details of which are

contained in the Tender Offers document dated 28 April 1997. Copies of the Tender Offers document and Forms of Tender are available

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Poacher turned gamekeeper A tale of DES's daughters resorts to shock tactics

Adam Jones on

the former

hackers who are here to

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f a reformed burglar proved how easy it was to break into your offices, would you employ him as a security guard? Or would you turn him away, blindly hoping that he was telling the truth about going straight, while praying no one else noticed your vulnerability?

This is the dilemma similar to that faced by computer bosses at com-panies visited by David Allouch. Mr Allouch was, by his own account, one of France's leading hackers. He started computing when he was seven, and was employed as a systems administrator when he was

He adopted the nom de plume "Jimbo" for his hacking and, by the age of 17, he claims to have pulled off enough stunts, the exact nature of which he is rather vague about, for the French intelligence services to "en-

courage" him to emigrate to Israel. He did so, on condition from the Israeli authorities that he stayed away from computers for a year. The order said nothing about computing books.

So Mr Allouch spent the time at a religious retreat, committing texts on Unix, the programming language, to memory. He emerged, butterfly-like, an even better hacker.

Now 26, the poacher has turned gamekeeper. As the creative heart of Netect, an Israeli company. Mr Allouch is trying to persuade UK companies to buy his skills as a computer security guard.

Sales pitches have been known to involve him hacking through existing security before a sceptical executive, brandishing top-secret electronic mail as proof of entry.

And with his colleague, Danny Kaminski, he is trying to get UK insurers to raise the premiums of companies who do not buy his product by showing them how vulnerable their clients' computer networks

With shock tactics like this, many executives' first reaction would be intense hostility. But a powerful doubt would also be present: can you afford to turn them away?

Netect is one of many firms capitalising on the vulnerabilities created by the Internet age. Some will be displaying at a trade exhibition at Olympia in London starting tomorrow. More will be present at a computer fair in Las Vegas next month.

The organisers of Infosecurity 1997, the London exhibition, claim the market for information security ad-

Pushing out the

boat for Insead



Experts say that Kevin Mitnick, a notorious hacker, knows nothing

techniques."

companies on things much more to do

with terrorist use of hacking

most likely to be hit by an inside job.

External attacks are generally concen-

trated on the gateway through which

the network receives electronic mail

(e-mail) or accesses the Internet, says

systems used to ward off intruders

trying to break into computer net-

works, are often ill-equipped to deal

E-mail can be used as a Trojan

horse by intruders, who dress up their

own subversive package of informa-

Hackers also break passwords by

repeatedly trying an entire dictionary

of recognisable words. When broken,

supervisor and wreak havoc.

Girlfriends' and boyfriends' names,

sadly, are still an obvious choice for

they can establish themselves as a

tion with a harmless top and tail.

with the latest hacker tricks.

He says firewalls, the security

Company computer networks are

estimated \$6 billion, with expectations of \$13 billion being reached in the year

Neil Barrett, a former hacker who now works as a security specialist for Bull Information Sytems and has just published a book called Digital Crime: Policing the Cybernation, says it is only to be expected that hackers should be at the forefront of this

He says: "Unless you have actually tried to break into computers, I'm not sure you are in a good position to know what to do to stop others." Mr Barrett says he started hacking

when he was a mathematics student as a benign intellectual exercise, born out of a frustration with his university's limited communication links with the rest of the computing world. He says: "There was no attempt to

get things like exam papers."
He says the world of hacking has

moved on to a much more sinister level since he was last involved, in the vice and equipment is now worth an early Eighties: "Now I'm advising from several sources over the Internet. The aim is to keep the company's defences ahead of the latest hacking discovered, the software diagnoses a

To counter these sorts of seams.

Netect's product sits in the network

and constantly simulates every form

of attack it knows, selecting from a

database of techniques that is updated

tools. When a weakness is actually solution. Netect, headquartered in Tel Aviv,

employs about 30 people and is part of a high-tech industry that was boosted by the immigration of hundreds of thousands of highly skilled Russians. not to mention the spin-offs from defence and intelligence research. At its best, Israel can rival Silicon Valley

Mr Allouch and Mr Kaminski had previously set themselves up as a cutprice Internet service provider in Israel, using a telecommunications infrastructure that had been written off as impractical by others.

Netect is the culmination of consultancy work carried out for companies in Israel. These exposed them to the weaknesses in company computer networks that keep recurring, sug-gesting that a universal diagnostic solution would make sense.

In the UK, Netect says Cambridge University has its product on trial, which it aims to develop into an industry standard. But the company is really pushing for business from UK financial institutions, both directly and through pressure on their insurance companies

ne financial services company that has suffered a very high profile breach of its systems in the past is testing the product anonymously. But wider progress will depend on a leap of faith from nervous clients. Having been made aware of the inherent weaknesses of network computing, email and the Internet, putting their security needs in the hands of an unfamiliar foreign company may be the last thing they want to do. however cutting edge the technology. Who'd be watching the Netectives,

This is where the consultancy operations of bigger firms such as Bull, the French group, have a huge

However, the general sense of anxiety provoked by a visit from techno-Cassandras such as Netect may be difficult to dispel.

Mr Allouch says successful hacking is not necessarily the result of computing genius. He says Kevin Mitnick, the notorious American who was jailed for hacking offences after being arrested by the FBI, was simply using tools downloaded from the Internet The guy knows nothing."

In bedrooms across the world. there are 16-year-olds with access to the same information, the computing equivalent of the ladder and jemmy needed for a spot of night-time housebreaking. Can you be sure they will not hit your offices

> for £16 million in 1988. This time round they will be to-gether — Hinder's chance to see the value added to the entrepreneur's business and share in its growth. So far, he has negotiated 200,000 op-

LEWIS MCNAUGHT is to succeed Clive Boothman, managing director of Schroder Unit Trusts, as chairman of the Association of Unit Trusts and Investment Funds. A one-time Egyptologist who moved to New York to work for an art investment business, McNaught, a keen golfer, will combine his new role with his full-time job as managing director of Gartmore Fund Managers.

MORAG PRESTON

A SWANKY dinner will take

place at the Bank of England tonight for the inauguration of the Henry Grunfeld Chair in Investment Banking, en-dowed by SG Warburg. This ture in London in 1935, which will mark the start of a fundraising campaign in the UK for Insead, the international business school founded in Fontainebleau in 1959. Unlike American business schools, their younger European sisters do not generally have endowments. The chairholder will be involved in research into investment banking from a non-US perspective. On stage will be the German-born Henry Grunfeld, 92, who joined Siegmund Warburg in the

New Trading Company ven-

THE TIMES



the hacker.

later changed its name to SG Warburg. He still turns up for work at Warburgs every day. Flying sweetly

HERE'S AN idea for British Airways. Alitalia, Italy's national airline, is painting one of its 747 jets to look like a tube of Baci chocolates, a Nestlé confection that translates as "kisses". Decorated midnight blue, with a silver stripe on the side and a silver star along the fuselage, the Baci logo adorns one wing. Nestlė is paying between \$1.2 million and \$1.5 million for a year, beginning on the Rome to New York run.

WORD has it that Hal Scardino has been boasting about his latest Hollywood film contract. The son of Pearson's chief executive, Marjorie Scardino, he has already appeared in The Indian in the Cupboard, Searching for Bobby Fischer. and Marvin's Room His mother remains tight-lipped about her son's latest lucrative project.

Personal choice PAUL HINDER is to join the Personal Number Com-

pany as its new finance director. Formerly at Cable and Wireless, Hinder was financial controller and before that financial director of Mercury Communications Mobile Services. Readers will remember that this is the very business that Gerry Thomas, his new chief executive at the Personal Number Company, sold to Cable and Wireless

tions on shares at around 45p. McNaught reign

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TELEVISION CHOICE

Subtitled DES's Daughters, the main item in tonight's human-interest magazine programme is concerned with the effect of a drug given to pregnant women to prevent miscarriage. Pre-scribed from the 1940s to the 1970s, Sulboastral or DES has had serious consequences for the children of those women. Because there has been little official research, the number affected has never been properly assessed. Anastasia Cooke reports, with an unfortunate tendency to alliterate, on the wonderdrug that has thousands "silently suffering from the side-effects". It is a measure of this programme's rather wide remit that an item like this can sit alongside John Walters's quest to find Britain's champion "quizaholic" (including the pub quizzer who annoys his wife by reading reference books in bed) without anyone blinking an eyelid.

Channel 5, 8,00pm

See this as a light look at the different types of property available or as a showcase for vendors to display their wares to a captive audience. This woman working in TV production (wonder where they found her?) currently living in Camden Town. She "loves the vibe of the place" but needs more room. Presenter Sandy Mitchell shows her three different properties in London: an interior designer's open-plan, acid-coloured turret in Archway, a period garden flat in Kentish Town and a Manhattan-style industrial loft in Bermondsey. An expert is then called in to point out the good and bad bits after which Julia is asked to guess the prices. Mitchell warns us that property buying is a serious business and never to rely on the information in the show. A rather unnecessary caveat given that there is none. Harmless tosh.

ITV 9.00pm

The problems of the working-class poor are given the night off in this episode of Lucy Gannon's leg-of-mutton-dressed medical drama. Instead, the love lives of Eleanor (Jemma Redgrave) and her father Robert (David Calder) are the main focus of

Monday Play: Nietzsche's Horse Radio 4, 7,45pm The last testament that opens and closes Lavinia Murray's extraordinary play about the German philosopher's slide down the slippery slope to insanity, is spoken not by Sylvester McCoy's Nietzsche but by Trevor Peacock's workhorse Grane. It's that sort of play. The horse's bridle

paths "keep crossing Nietzsche's like the ribbons of a maypole" Murray explains in prose that is intoxicating in its richness — so rich that ! sometimes felt a bit tiddly and couldn't always find my way through her maze of a plot. I wanted more time, for instance, to weigh up lines such as Wagner's description of his music as "It's God, singing great big bubbles tracing each others' trajectory like billiards".

RADIO 1

7.00 Kevin Greening 9.00 Smon Mayo 12.00 Jo Whiley 1.00pm Nicky Campbell 4.00 Mark Gooder 6.15 Newsbeat Interview with John Major 7.00 London Music Week Steve Lamacq and John Peel broadcast five with Kenickle and Mogwal 10.30 Mary Anne Hobbs 1.00am Claire Sturgess 4.00 Clive Warren

6.00am Sarah Kennedy 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Jimmy Young 1.30 Debbie Thrower 3.00 Ed Stewart 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Humphrey Lytieton 8.00 Matcolm Laycock 9.00 Eig Band Special 9.30 Hayes over Britain 10.30 Richard Allinson 12.05am Steve Macden 3.00

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports 6.00 The Breakfast Programme 9.00 The Megazine with Diana Madill 12.00 Midday with Meir, includes at 12.35pm Moneycheck 2.00 Ruscoe on Five 4.00 of Europe 8.00 The Football Forum 10.00 Brian Hayes's Election Night 12.00 After Hours with Tim Grundy and Linda McDermott 2.00em Up All Night with Rhod Sharp

TALK RADIO

5,00am Chris Ashley and Sandy Warr 7.00 Paul Ross 9.00 Scott Chisholm 12.00 Lorraina Kelly 2.00pm Tommy Boyd 4.00 Peler Deeley 7.00 Moz Dee's Sportszone 10.00 Jame Whale 1.00am Mike Dickin

(Celio Coricerto)

9.00 Morning Collection, with Penny Gore Includes
Glière (Concert Waitz, Op 90); Beethoven (Violin
Sonata in A. Op 12 No 2); Grieg (Incidental Music)

10.00 Musical Encounters, with Edward Blakeman.
Includes Schubert (Das Fischermachen);
Chausson (Poeme); Bach (Cantata No 108); Hahn
(Ninette; Soleil d'Automne); Britten (Peter Grimes,
everants).

Samantha Bond (BBCl, 10.00pm)

attention. Eleanor has a fleeting fling with fiance Finn and Robert goes off for a hunting weekend in wealthy widow Alice Costigan's country seat. How fortunate for Alice, then, that she does not have to send up the cry "is there a doctor in the house?" when her baby nephew falls ill. She is practically swimming in the medical profession. Not only does she have Robert, she also has as her guest the eminent physician Dr Auhrey Savier (Tim Woorleminent physician Dr Aubrey Savier (Tim Woodward) who is Robert's rival for her affections. One of them advocates surgery, the other a non-invasive procedure. Which one will Alice choose?

BBC1, 10.00pm (Scotland, 11.30pm) Warning! Science can seriously damage your health. If this isn't the main message of this ecothriller, it is certainly its subtext. Tapping into our fear of the boffins in white coats, the drama is set in a commercial laboratory, testing out a biological pesticide based on a genetically engineered virus. Its mandate is to see that the pesticide is confined to

Its mandate is to see that the pesticide is confined to killing insects and nothing else. Three cases of complete muscular paralysis in humans later, Samantha Bond and Neil Dudgeon realise the bug has busted out. Stripped of its brain-knotting babble (painfully explained in dialogue for the scientifically challenged such as myself), this is a fairly humdrum piece spiced up with a hint of romance, a lot of revence and a manuse-load of romance, a lot of revenge, and a manure-load of corporate corruption.

Radio 3, 1.00am

RRC Lunchtime Concert

The version of Stravinsky's The Soldier's Tale we know best, probably because we hear it more, is the orchestral suite he subsequently arranged from Today's live concert from St John's, Smith Square in London, is a rare opportunity to hear Stravinsky's original variation on the Faust theme for small instrumental ensemble and three voices.

Malcolm Sinclair narrates, Peter Kelly plays the Devil, Giles Thomas is the soldier, and the Nash Ensemble play the music. The work occasionally goes all jazzy on us. Remarkably, when Stravinsky wrote it, he had never actually heard any jazz being performed. He had simply seen it written down. T could imagine jazz sound", he said in later years.

Peter Davalle

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4.00am Mark Griffiths 7.00 Mike Read 9.00 Hall of Fame Hour 10.00 Henry Kelly 12.00 Election 97 1.00pm Concerto: CP.E. Bach (Cello Concerto in Alma Chassic Newshight 7:30 Sonata, Handel (Violin Sonata in D. Op 1 No 13) 8:00 Evening Concert, Schumann (Requiem Op 148); Grieg (Plano Concerto in A minor). Dvorak (Symphonic Variations Op 78) 10:00 Michael Mappin 2:00am Concerto (r)

VIRGIN RADIO

6.30am Russ 'n' Jono 10.00 Graham Dene 1.00pm Jeremy Clark 4.00 Nicky Home 6.00 Paul Coyte (FM) / Robin Banks (AM) 10.00 Mark Forrest 2.00am Randal Lee Rose

6.00am On Air, with Andrew MacGregor. Includes
Taverner (Western Wynde Mass); Grieg (Violin
Sonata No 1 in F Op 8); Shostakovich (Prelude
and Fugue, Op 87 No 14); Bantock (Celtic
Symphony); Puccins (Tua Madre); Goldschmidt
(Celto Concerto)

9.00 Medical Concerto)

7.30 Grainger Festival (Sounding the Century).

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Mari Nicholson Introduces the second of two concerts, given yesterday at the Bridgewater Hall in Manchester. The Hallé Orchestra, under Ole Schmidt. With Martin Jones, piano. Sibelius (En Saga). Grainger (Suite on Danish Folk Tunes: Paraphrase on Tchallovsky's Flower Waltz); Nielsen (Symphony No 4, Inextinguishable)

9.05 Icarus Rising (Sounding the Century). The first of five prgrammes tocusing on the impact on Western imagination of the creation of the aeroplane (1/5)

9.30 Pure Fantasy. Mistry Quartet, includes Bridge

excerpts)

12.00 Composer of the Week: Heydin

1.00pm News; BBC Lunchtime Concert. See Choice

2.00 The BBC Orchestras. BBC National Orchestra of
Wales, under Mark Wigglesworth. With Stephen
Hough, parno. Brahms (Plano Concerto No 2 in B
flet); Shostakovich (Symphony No 5)

3.45 Everything but the Crazyhouse. Russell Davies
continues his exploration of the career of the
legendary jazz saxophonist and clarinettist Sidney
Bechet (4/6)

Western imagination of the creation of the aeroplane (1/5)

9.30 Pure Fantasy. Mistry Quarter, includes Bridge (Phantasis Quartet in F minor)

9.50 A Cold Coming. Another of the programmes marking the 60th birthday of the poet Tony Harrison. Tonight he reads his poem inspired by the newspaper photograph of a charred traque soldier in the Gulf War. The poem gries voice to all the victims of war in the 20th Century.

10.00 Volces, Iain Burnside looks at some songs of youth and addescence youth and addescence.

10.45 Mibding It. Mark Russett and Robert Sandelf present another mix of musical styles.

11.30 Composer of the Weels Rachmaninov (r).

12.30am Jazz Notes. The second of two programmes in which Digby Farweather remembers some unsung heroes of the British jezz scene.

1.00 Through the Night, with Donald Macleod Includes 1.00 Hermann Prey, bartione, and the pisinsts Gurither Wessenborn and Gerald Moore. Schubert (Winterneise, and other lieder) 2.35 Enka Sebok, flute, Zsuzsa Partis, harpsichord, the Franz Liszt Chamber Orchestra, under Janos Rolla, violin, Bach (Brandenburg Concerto No.5 in D. BWV1050) 3.00 Schools 5.00 Sequence.

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW) 6.00 News Briefing 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today, includes Sports News and Thought for the Day 8.50 Party Election Broadcast by the Labour Party 8.58 Weather 9.00 News 9.05 Election Call. Peter Sissons puts tisteners' questions to Paddy Ashdown, leader of the Liboral Democrats 10.00 News: With Great Pleasure (FM). Babbi Libnet

legendary jazz saxophonist and clarinettist Sidney Bechet (4/6)
4.15 Music Restored, Introduced by Anthony Rooley. With rachel Podger, violin, Timothy Roberts, fortepiano, Includes Mozart (Violin Sonata in E flat, K302; Violin Sonata in F, K377)
5.00 Music Machine. Tommy Pearson talks to Philip Norman, author of Buddy, the Baggraphy, about the impact that Buddy Holly had on the 1950s
5.15 In Tune, with Chris de Souza. Includes Bach, orch Egar (Fantasia and Fugue in C minor); Hindemith (Overture to the Philip Dutchman); Lisct (St. Francis of Peola Walking on the Water, Legends); Beethoven (Incudental Music)

the Liberal Democrats

10.00 News; With Greet Pleasure (FM). Rabbi Lionel Blue introduces a selection of his lavourite literature, including extracts from The Diary of a Privincial Lady by E.M. Delalield, the poetry of Robert Browning and instructions on what to do with unwanted leftovers (3/6)

10.00 Daily Service (LW) 10.15 On This Day (LW) 10.30 Woman's Hoter, with Jenna Murray 11.30 Money Box Live. Vincent Duggleby takes listeners' calls on personal finance

12.00 News; You and Yours. Consumer news and current affars with Mark Whittaker

12.25pm Brain of Britain. The continuation of round one of the general knowledge quuz chaired by Robert Robinson 12.55 Weather

1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke

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1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast

2.00 News; Cutting Edge, by John Harvey. Tom
Georgeon stars as jazz-loving Di Charite Resnick
investigating the attack on a young doctor With
Sean Baker and Kale Eaton (1/3) (r)

3.00 The Atternoon Shift, with Laurie Taylor and the
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4.00 News 4.05 Kaleldoscope. Lynne Walker considers how real lives transfer to the stage, as new plays about Mariene Dietrich and Mena Callas open in the West End of London

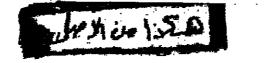
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A clerk recalls a journey made during wartime that marked his move from adolescence into adulthood. Read by Reece Dinsdale (r) 5.00 PM, with Charlie Lee-Pooter and Chris Lowe 5.45 Party Election Broadcast by the Liberal Democratis 5.50 Charling Forecast 5.55 Weather

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6.30 The News Quiz. The current affairs comedy quiz chaired by Simon Hoggart With panellists
Frances Witnen, Jeremy Hardy, Clive Anderson and Times columnist Alan Coren (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 The Food Programme, with Derek Cooper (r)
7.45 The Monday Play: Nietzsche's Horse, by
Lavinia Murray See Choice
9.15 Bottoms, Beaks, Beillies and Feet. Caroline Sarll concludes her exploration of our bodily extremities by looking at the soles of our feet (4/4) (r)
9.30 Kateidoscope (r) 9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig
10.45 Book at Bedtime: One of Ours. The Pullitzer Prize-winning novel by Willa Cather, abridged by karie Campbell and read by lan Porter (6/12)
11.00 The Heritage Quiz. Sue MacGregor puts questions to Christopher Cook, Philipa Gregory, Jane Glover and Graham Fawcett (r)
11.30 Colvil and Soames, Christopher Lee's story of two intelligence officers investigating the suspicious death of an elderly priest With Amanda Redman, Dudley Sutton and Christopher Benjamin (5/6) (r)
12.00 News incl 12.27em approx Weather

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Loyd Grossman: can't charm, won't charm

Grossman is more likely to start a revolution or stop one. On the one hand, it didn't take much imagination to see yesterday's opening round of Masterchef (BBCI) becoming a training video for Class War. "Death to Loyd," they would chant as militant indignation reached the stiff peaks stage and the selected sticky end warmed over a bain-marie: death by chocolate, minimum of 70 per cent cocoa solids.

But the culinary carnage would not stop there. Up would go the cry: " Lightly batter all Anouskas," - and yes, comrades, groundnut oil would be fine - followed by unkind calls from extremists for Barry from Bucks to be spatch-

On the other hand, however, if anybody can bring the nation's Delia-driven passion for gastronomy to a juddering stop, it is Grossman. The thought that one en breasts in a molé sauce, with the

and the gang is surely enough to persuade most people never to reach for a balloon-whisk again. Cookery is supposed to be fun and fun is what's conspicuously absent from Masterchef. That is Gross-

Forget, if you can, those wellchronicled vowels. After all, if we can have a Prime Minister who can't pronounce "want", we can have a cookery show presenter who can't pronounce . . . well, anything. Even more annoying than the way he says things is what he says — particularly his insistence on having the last, smug, know-all word on everything.
Take Anne-Marie, in the yellow

kitchen, who courted the popular vote by crying over her onions, cursing her kitchen equipment and working at a Virgin record store. Her main course was chick-

can't decide whether Loyd day you might end up having your aforementioned arroz blanco and arroz blanco sniped over by Loyd salsa stack. While most of us were still saying "you what?", Grossman greasily observed that it was very rare for us to have a Mexican main course here". Informative, I admit, but utterly charmless in it its delivery. Later, in an excruciating exchange with Anguska Hempel, he described chile con carne as faux-Mexican", a remark that should have been rewarded with a un-faux smack on the nose.

s guest judges, both Hempel and Rick Stein Hempel and kick sielli were allowed generous plugs for their respective establishments. In return, Stein was sub-dued ("Hmm, interesting," was about as judgmental as he got) and Hempel was ... very like Jilly Goolden, only not quite as annoying. But eventually, after much talk of spa-cuisine, riff-cuisine and weak jokes about gurnard (guess who smugly knew what colour it REVIEW



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was?) we had a winner - Fred Fisher, who in between being a constable in the Metropolitan Police and a brilliant cook, somehow found time to be a talented water-colourist. I found that rather annoving, 100.

Later on, my mood changed to frustration - as it does every time drop in on The Sky at Night (BBCI) and rediscover that vague interest and a couple of glimpses of Hale-Bopp is still not enough. Greenwich Arizona, South Africa. as he concluded with some Patrick Moore is one of the great Australia, California, Hawaii . . . thoughts about how the 80th annipopularisers of science, but you would never guess from this unashamedly technical pro-gramme, which celebrated its 40th technical anniversary last night.

The conjunction of Hale-Bopp and such an auspicious anniversary should have made last night's programme different: and it was. Instead of getting completely lost after less than five minutes. I made it to minute 11, which sets some sort of personal record. By then, Moore's history of the telescope had done the easy bits - Galileo and Newton, refraction, reflection and so on - and we suddenly reached somebody's variables. Siegfried's was it? Anyway, according to Moore, "as soon as the luminosity is known, the distance can be found". My brain retired hurt and I sat back to admire the view from

held certainly been clocking up the Air Miles.

As names such as Herschel, Hale and Hubble flashed by, the mirrors got bigger (apparently it's not size that matters, it's the instruments on the end) and the search for better seeing conditions grew ever more exotic. But amid all this, like the Hubble Constant that will one day provide the answer to the universe (but possibly not life and everything) Moore remained the same. Same suit, same tie, same high-speed delivery. Not even the word "altazimuthal" - which even astronomers normally have a couple of goes at - could trip him up. It took me five minutes to find it in the dictionary.

His passion clearly remains undimmed, but for this child of the short-lived Space Age there was still something a little depressing versary might be marked. "Will my successor be able to talk to you from a space station or the surface of the moon?" I think he first started asking that about 30 years

Finally, the attractions of The Grand (ITV, Friday) are at last spreading beyond watching Susan Hampshire playing the gentlyfaded tart with a heart. Below stairs, Rebecca Callard and Jane Danson are having great fun with the fact that when the mop-caps come off, both caring Kate and upwardly mobile Monica are rather attractive - it always helps. Friday's story of cowardice and con-men also had terrific performances from Tim Healy and Michael Sheen. The one problem is that, having rightly invested so much in the acting, it's a shame the producers didn't lavish just a little more on the set. Grand, it ain t.

6.00am Business Breakfast (88577) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (70200480) 9.05 Election Call The Liberal Democrat leader, Paddy Ashdown.

viewers' questions (9909751) 10.00 Style Challenge (47645) 10.30 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (28335) 11.00 News (T) and weather (4196515) 11.05 The Really Useful Show (9639206)

11.35 Snooker: World Championship Dougle Donnelly introduces early coverage from day ten at Sheffield's Crucible Theatre (3891190)

12.35pm Good Living (9246683) 1.00 News (T) and weather 1.30 Regional News (50883867)

1.45 Neighbours (T) (47088913) 2.10 Snooker: World Championship Live coverage as round two continues in Sheffield with the games now played over the best of 25 frames (4041515)

3.30 Playdays (6551393) 3.50 The New Yogi Bear Show (6271751) 3.55 Bodger and Badger (6611770) 4.10 Casper (8641683) 4.35 50/50 (7973683)

5.00 Newsround (T) (5624732) 5.10 Blue Peter (T) (9134913) 5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (521799) 6.00 News (T) and weather (683)

6.30 Regional News (935) WALES: 6.55 Election Broadcast: Pland Cymru 7.00 Auntie's TV Favourites Birds of a Feather star Lesley Joseph looks back on her career (T) (6596)

7.30 Here and Now Anastasia Cooke meets people born with defective reproductive systems as a result of their mothers taking a drug called DES (T) (119) 8.00 EastEnders Grant and Tony finally find

out which of them is the father of Tiffany's baby (T) (2916) 8.30 Panorama in the final election special, David Dimbleby talks to the Prime Minister, John Major (T) (4751)

9.00 News (1) and weather (777175) 9.50 Election Broadcast: Labour Party (T) (319003) WALES: 9.50 Election Broadcast: Welsh Labour Party (319003)

10.00 Breakout Scientific thriller with Neil Dudgeon and Samantha Bond. Postported from last week (T) (14480)

11.30 Film 97 with Barry Norman Location report on the set of The Serpent's Kiss, a highly charged romance starring Ewan acGregor, Pete Postlethwaite and Richard F Grant, Plus, Barry Norman reviews the Jim Carrey vehicle Liar Liar and Ghosts of the Past, with Whoopi Goldberg and Alec Baldwin (T) (76157) 12.00 Mrs Merton Live in Las Vegas (1)

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12.30am Hawk the Slayer (1980) with John Teny and Jack Palance. A brave hero rounds up a group of mismatched dorounds up a group of mismatched dogooders and enters into battle with his evil brother for an all-powerful sword which belonged to their tather, each believing it is his birthright. Directed by Terry Marcel (97368) 2.00 Weather (3605726)

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7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (T and

signing) (8697206) 7.30 Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (r) (4771461) 7.55 Blue Peter (r) (T) (5273935) 8.20 Bump (r) (3792480) 8.25 Open a Door (r) (7771157) 8.35 The Raccoons (r) (9491393)

9.00 TV6 on the Road (20393) 9.30 ici Paris (2786157) 9.45 Watch Out (2774312) 10.00 Teletubbies (78515) 10.30 Go tor It! (5832664) 10.50 Look and Read In (5852004) 10.00 Special (5852428) 11.10 Zig Zag (4192157) 11.30 Ghoslwriter (2138) 12.00 Teaching Today (40157) 12.30pm Working Lunch (77799)

1.00 History File (70210848) 1.25 Landmarks (T) (64631596) 1.45 Starytime (r) (50879664) 2.00 Bump (r) (37704022) 2.05 Open a Door (r) (37703393)

2.10 Alias Smith and Jones (r) (1749886) 3,00 News (T), regional news and weather 3,05 The Phil Silvers Show (b/w) (1178867)

3.30 Snooker: World Championship Continued from BBC1 (85940848)

5.55 Close Up (235916) WALES: Election Broadcast, Plaid Cymru 6.00 The Simpsons Bart is faced with an agonising ethical dilemma (1) (511848)

6.25 Space Precinct (r) (T) (525312) 7,10 Snooker: World Championship The closing frames in the second round

7.58 Video Nation Election Shorts (318393) 8.00 Top Gear Motorsport World Rally Championship from Catalunya (T) (3886) 8,30 The Antiques Show Europe's largest antiques fair and 1950s collectables. Plus: murderer Dr Crippin's pocket watch is auctioned for charity (T) (2393)



Amanda Plummer stars (9.00pm)

9,00 The Outer Limits A senal murder investigation from the 1950s, in which 17 sex offenders were tatally shot, is reopened (T) (342732)

9.45 This Life Warren plans a round-the-world voyage (T) (734461) 10.30 Election Broadcast Labour (1)

(515848) 10.35 Newsnight (T) (327480)

11.30 Close Up (612645) 11.35 Snooker: World Championship Praviewing the quarter-tinals, which begin tomorrow (536461) 12.25am Weather (3703639)

12.30 Learning Zone: O.U.: Changes in Rural Society - Pledmont and Sicily 1.30 The Bathers by Cezanne and Renov 2.00 Believe It or Not 4.00 Italia 2000 4.30 Royal Institution Discourse 5.00-

6.00am GMTV (6194428) 9.25 Supermarket Sweep (r) (7) (3026751) 9.55 Regional News (2155138) 10.00 The Time, the Place (65041) 10.30 This Morning (T) (61515799)

12,20pm Regional News (4869867) 12.30 News (T) and weather (9232480) 12.55 The Pulse New series of the health and

lifestyle magazine (T) (9257799) 1.25 Home and Away (1) (64619374) 1.50 For Pete's Sake (1974) with Barbra Streisand, Michael Sarrazin and Estelle

Parsons Comedy about a young couple pretty whacky results. Directed by Peter Yates (6529577) 3.20 News (T) (7167770) 3.25 Regional News (7166041)

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Kitchen (9261206) 3.50 Scooby Doo

(9250190) 4.00 The Little Mermaid

(6382867) 4.25 The Famous Five (T) (8631206) 4.50 The Big Bang (T) (1140732) 5.10 Sorted (T) (1099751) 5.40 News (T) and weather (764577) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (T) (508374)

6.25 HTV Weather (417683) 6.30 The West Tonight (T) (494732) 6.55 Election Broadcast: Labour Party (T) 7.00 Wish You Were Here? Budapest: a

and Israel (T) (1664)

7.30 Coronation Street Ashley gets a shock when he goes to visit Don (T) (515) 8.00 The ITV 500: The People's Election The party leaders field questions from a selected studio audience in the last of the



Calder and Beattie (9.00pm)

9.00 CHOICE Bramwell Alice Costigan (Maureen Beattle) invites Robert (David Calder) to stay at her country house (T) (8041) 10.00 News (T) and weather (38312)

10.30 Regional News (267799)

10.40 The West Story: Flowers by the Roadside The hidden impact left by the local community of a well-publicised car crash on the Mendips (r) (113374) 11.15 The West This Week Election Specials Last of the special pro-grammes before the General Election

1696206 12.15am Box Office America (3881-117) 12.40 Football Extra (4783287) 1.25 Mainly Men (r) (7195691) 1.55 F1. San Marino Grand Prix (5557542) **3.00** Club Nation (r) (T) (4059417) **3.55** God's Gift (2156594) **4.50** Sound Bites (21895436) 5.00 Coronation Street (82788) 5.30 SAVELULE AND CABLE AND CAB

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drame with Jennifer Jones and Montgomery Clift. Directed by Vittorio DeSica (1531138) 10.40 Mule Train (1954, b/w) Vintage western adventure with Gene Autrey. Directed by John English (9262312)

11.55 Log Driver's Waltz A cartoon tribute to the Canadian log-driver (5418409) 12.00 Right to Reply (r) (T) (35225) 12.30pm Light Lunch (58393) 1.30 Ali Baba, Italian animation (50876577)

1.45 The Black Tent (1956) with Anthony Steel and Donald Sinden A Second World War drama set in North Africa. Directed by Brian Desmond Hurst (T) (53080596) 3.30 Collectors' Lot (T) (409) 4.00 Filteen-To

One (T) (916) 4.30 Countdown (T) (428) 5.00 Montel Williams (T) (2770) 5.30 Pet Rescue (T) (480) 6.00 Hangin' with Mr Cooper (T) (393) 6.30 Hollyoaks The 100th episode of the teen soap (T) (645)

7.00 Channel 4 News (1) (7799) 8.00 Mrs Cohen's Money: Tax Advice on keeping on top of tax affairs (T) (4/6) (8954)

8.30 The Entertainers Series tollowing the mixed fortunes of entertainers on the North East club circuit (T) (3/5) (7461)



Wedding guest Hugh Grant (9.0pm)

9.00 Four Weddings and a Funeral (1994) Homantic comedy drama with Hugh Grant and Andie MacDowell. Charles, a thirtysomething who has a bit of a reputation, is always being invited to weddings, but wonders if he will ever be ready to settle down - that is until he meets the beautiful, elusive Came Also among the star-studded cast are Kristin Scott-Thomas. Simon Callow, James Fleet and John Hannah. Directed by Mike

11.15 Party Election Broadcast by the Labour Party (673596) 11,20 Cheers Rebecca begins to date her new

boss (r) (605935) 11.50 NBA Raw American basketball action (650645) 12.20am Midnight Special Discussion series

chaired by Sheena McDonald (9927962) 1.50 Time Files When You're Alive Paul Linke as a husband remembering his wile's death Based on his own experiences (9929441)

3.20 Forget-Me-Not (1936, b/w) with Beniamino Gigli and Joan Gardner. A shipboard romantic drame directed by Zolian korda (8784981) 4,40 The Price of Bread The life of a Palestinian family living on the Gaza Strip (r) (9585504)

5.35-6.00 Backdate (r) (T) (5669813)

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6.00am 5 News Early (7326848) 7.30 Havakazoo (2446206) 8.00 Adventures of the Bush Patrol

(2064935)8.30 WideWorld: Heaven's Delight How the Madonna was regularly depicted in paintings (2063206)

9.00 Espresso (5063157) 10.00 Exclusive (r) (6371206) 10.30 Attractions (r) (2076770) 11.00 Leeza Chat show (9203954) 11.50

Double Espresso (45877799) 12.00 The Bold and the Beautiful (1) 12.30pm Family Affairs (r) (T) (9958138) 1.00 5 News Update (92971374)

1.05 Sunset Beach (6073848) 2,00 5's Company (3572913) 3,30 Mother of the Bride (1992) with Rue McLanahan and Kirsty McNichol A cornedy about a woman whose plans for her daughter's wedding go awry. Directed by Charles Correll (4951577)

5.20 5's Company: Late Extra (14831683) 5,25 PEB: Scottish Nationalists (14817003) 5.30 100 Per Cent (14816374) 6.00 Whittle (T) (1910954) 6.30 Family Affairs Roy helps Duncan move house (T) (1901206)

7.00 Exclusive Showbiz gossip (1811190) 7.30 Wild States The first in a series on the wildlife of North America (T) (7108916) 7.55 Election Broadcast: Labour (5479751)



8.00 CHORE Hot Property Sandy Milchell gives advice to a woman who wants to move from a London studio flat (T) (1837138) 8.30 5 News (1816645)

9.00 Runaway (1984) with Tom Selleck, Cynthia Rhodes and Kirstie Alley A sci-fi crime thriller written and directed by Michael Crichton (T) (32539409) 10.55 Exclusive Extra (6458732)

11.00 The Jack Docherty Show Char and cornedy with guest Jo Brand (7644549) 11.40 We Know Where You Live (2118312) 12.10am PEB: Plaid Cymru (2347707) 12.15 Live and Dangerous sports magazine. including coverage of the Winter X Games (8361252)

4.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H (6060813) 5.30-6.00 100 Per Cent (r) (5948894)

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8.00pm Tenchi Muyo (7016428) 8.30 The Twilight Zone (7095936) 9.00 Signitings (4500041) 10.00 Sterman (4510428) 11.00 Nova (6227577) 12.00 The Incredible Hulk (3018813) 1.00am The Twight Zone (1272629) 1.30 Tales of the Unexpected (3606875) 2.00 Findey the 13th (6377078) 3.00 Dark Shadows (1189155) 3.30-4.00 Dark Shadows (5900165) HOME & LEISURE

9,00em The Joy of Parning (4988435) 9.30 Gerdeners: Diary (4145637) 10.00 The Greal Gardening Plot (4634190) 10.30 Joing if Up (428388) 11.00 The Parnied House: (5484751) 11.30 The Old House (5485480) 12.00 Yan Can Cook (4083080) 12.30pm Graham Ken (6206193) 1.00 Today's Gourner (4582190) 1.30 Home Again with Bob Vila (7658634) 2.00 Homeisme (3044848) 2.30 Furniture to Go (5697272) 3.00 Two's Country Cooking (2609732) 3.00 Two's Country Cooking (3056683) 3.30-4.00 This Old House (2611577) DISCOVERY

4.00pm Rex Hunt (2623312) 4.30 Road-show (2629696) 5.00 Term X (3068428) 5.30 Mysterics, Magic and Mirables (2610848) 6.00 Wildfilm (2600461) 6.30 The Global Family (2624041) 7.00 Boyand 2000 (3048664) 7.30 Disaster (2620225) 8.00 History's Turning Points (3057312) 8.30 Crocodile Hunters (3043119) 9.00 Lonely Planet (9900770) 10.00 After the Warming

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Britain losing foreign investment to pro-EU countries

AND ALASDAIR MURRAY

INDUSTRY is suffering a fall in investment, with foreign firms being attracted to countries with a strong European Union commitment and British firms

investing less than in the early Eighties. The Confederation of British Industry will say today that investment perfor-mance is "disappointing" compared with recovery from recession in the early 1980s

and in comparison with competitor countries. At the same time, a report over the weekend showed that the UK has been overtaken by France as the favourite centre for new investment into the European Union by foreign companies.

The report from the National Institute of Economic and Social Research said that while the UK has the largest share of all external investment in the EU, this had declined to 23 per cent in 1995, from 30 per New investment in Britain has declined from an annual average of \$22 billion in 1986-90 to \$17 billion in 1991-95. In the same period new investment in France has increased from an average of \$8 billion a year to \$19 billion.

The report argues that while the UK's flexible labour markets remain attractive to foreign firms, the country is losing out in the race to win more capital and research and development-intensive new businesses. The NIESR points to the

abroad as evidence that the social chapter and tighter Labour market regulations in other European countries is not seen as an insurmountable obstacle to investment by large multinational companies.

The CBI has found that since the election in early 1992 "investment trends have been disappointing, with the recovery in investment falling well short of that in the early Eighties and with some other countries". The confederation studied

compared it with the trend during the economic recovery II years earlier. It found that economy-wide investment in the last quarter of 1996 was only about 5 per cent higher than five years before. whereas total fixed investment had grown by as much as 20 per cent at the same stage of the 1980s recovery.

The CBI says this "comparatively weak recovery" in investment is in part due to the public sector since capital spending by

record of British companies investing fixed capital spending since 1992 and the Conservatives has fallen by a third over the duration of the recovery. Business investment, by contrast, has

been better, with private-sector housing investment up by 13.5 per cent and total business investment up by 10 per cent, although the CBI accepts that this compares with an increase of ZI per cent. in overall business investment during the comparable period of the 1980s.

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£31bn estimate in 'cloud cuckoo land'

Millennium bug fears exaggerated

By Fraser Nelson

TASKFORCE 2000, the government-sponsored agency that last month predicted that the millennium problem could cost the UK E31 billion. has admitted that the figure was a wild estimate taken from "cloud cuckoo land". Robin Guenier, executive

director of the agency, said the headline-grabbing figure was not a practical assessment of the cost to British industry but a means of drawing attention to the scale of the problem.

An independent report due to be published next month says the cost of the bug which throws computers into confusion after the year 99 will be £10 billion.

The Holway Report, an annual publication with a wide following in the City, says most of the cost will be absorbed by normal growth in the computer market. It concludes that the millennium effect — the cost to UK businesses over and above their normal computer spend — is unlikely to exceed £3 billion.

his E31 billion figure was unrealistic when he found that 260,000 programmers would be needed to change the lines of old computer code that store dates in the two-digit format.

He said: "Of course, we were in cloud cuckoo land because we just don't have that number of people. That was my real message - that the problem is just too large to

complete in time. I have always said the cost of the problem is secondary to getting on with it, so I avoided giving a figure. But people kept asking me how much it would cost and I got a bit fed up, so I compiled this report. It was off-the-cuff, a case of sitting down at a computer and

making a little spreadsheet."

The Holway Report uses figures from Year 2000 Conference Europe, an industry-backed taskforce, which forecast that BT will spend £350 million sorting out the problem, the four largest banks £480 million and the ten largest insurers £800 million. A further 900 large companies face an average bill of £6

Including the health service (£120 million), social security (£130 million) and the Ministhe total comes to £9.72 billion. BT, which has vast datahanks that leave it more exposed to the millennium problem than any other UK company. has confirmed that the millennium effect will be £200 mil-lion, with the rest underlying growth. It adds that the leap year factor - 00 will defy the normal test of being divisible by four - poses as much of a problem as the millennium bug itself. The Halifax has chosen not to correct every line of old-style computer code, but completely replace the older parts of its computer system.

The problem has arisen because computers have evolved rather than been re-placed, leaving many pro-grams still rooted in to the 1970s. None of the analysts deny that the bug poses a serious and expensive problem. The Holway Report works on the basis that spend will not be limited by budgets

Few agree on whether the problem will act as a drain on financial resources or as a catalyst for a much-needed break with old-style computer

The Holway Report concludes that the real millennium that raid their long-term computer budget to meet the deadline. In the rush, it says, the British computer market will surge by 20 per cent to £38.3 billion by the year 2000, but may then fall into a financial vacuum when the work has been done, leading the computer industry into recession.



MARGARET YOUNG is leaving NatWest Markets, where she defended companies such as William Cook and Amec from hostile bids, to join DLJ Phoenix, the corporate finance boutique. Mrs Young, 42, pictured, has been

with NatWest since 1985. She will work with Martin Smith and Alison Carnwarth in a team whose reputation led Donaldson Lufkin & Jenrette, the Wall Street firm, to pay £50 million for Phoenix this year.

Co-op calls DTI and Bank over Regan

By Sarah Cunningham

ed the Bank of England and the Department of Trade and Industry about the aborted £1.2 billion bid by Andrew Regan, on which he was

advised by Hambros Bank. The CWS said that it has been in touch with both bodies to draw their attention to the activities of the 31-year-old entrepreneur and his associates and advisers during the planning of the bid. Plans to launch the bid by writing to all Co-op members were dropped on Thursday after Mr Regan's main financial backer, Nomura, pulled out.

It was not clear yesterday what action, if any, CWS wants the Bank of England or the DTI to take against Mr Regan or any of his advisers. CWS has also asked the Stock Exchange to investigate trading in Lanica Trust, the Guersey company run by Mr Regan, whose shares were suspended in February after a dramatic rise. Lanica is a major shareholder in Galileo, the company set up to carry

out the takeover.

Allan Green and David
Chambers, the CWS executives accused of leaking sensitive documents to Mr Regan, were sacked at the weekend. Roger Jones, CWS secretary. wrote to both men on Saturbeen summarily dismissed and asking them to return their company cars, both

Jaguars. The CWS is pursuing the bid players in the courts. Private criminal action has been begun against Mr Green and Mr Regan and his partner David Lyons, and civil action

CO-OPERATIVE is going on against all three, sale Society has contact- and Hambros and Mr Regan's solicitors, Travers Smith Braithwaite CWS has said it is looking to claim millions of pounds in damages.

Finally, documents concerning a mysterious payment made by Hobson, a company formerly run by Mr Regan, to another offshore company controlled by Anglo-Isreali businessman, Ronald Zimet, during an earlier deal involv-ing CWS have been passed to the Serious Fraud Office by CWS lawyers last week. The SFO will not say whether it will investigate.

Float plan for First **National**

FIRST NATIONAL, the giant Irish building society, is close to announcing a conversion to a public company ahead of a £4 billion flotation (Jason

Nissé writes).
The float would bring windfalls for 150,000 investors, though many in the UK who have First National postal accounts could lose out.

society has been expanding aggressively in the UK. having bought The Mortgage Corporation from Salomon Brothers last year. It has appointed ABN Amro Hoare Govett, the stockbroker, to advise on the conversion.

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US elections cost **BAT \$827,000**

By Jason Nissé

BAT INDUSTRIES, whose chairman. Lord Cairns, has hinted that it could demerge its tobacco and insurance businesses, has revealed it spent \$827,000 last year on political donations in the US. The figure is not disclosed to shareholders in its annual report despite a requirement to detail any payments made to UK political parties.

Brown & Williamson, BAT's US tobacco business, which is set to join in the \$300 billion settlement of smoking-related litigation in the US, spent \$600.000 supporting candidates ahead of the US presi-

dential elections last year.

The majority of these payments were to Republican candidates. The Democratic Clinton administration has been leading the pressure on tobacco companies by increasing regulation, which was added to on Friday when a North Carolina court ruled tobacco was a drug.

Farmers, the California based insurance group owned by BAT, paid \$227,725 to over 400 candidates standing in various elections, including those for state insurance commissioner.

The figures were revealed in a letter to Pirc, the corporate governance lobby group, which has been pressing companies to reveal political donations. Earlier this month Glaxo Wellcome admitted it had paid \$500,000 to political parties in the US while trumpeting in its annual report that it paid no political donations in the UK.

The payments by the BAT subsidiaries are so-called "soft" donations, a direct payment in support of a candidate for office.

Daewoo eye on £200m **UK** plant

motor group, plans to build a £200 million car engine factory in Western Europe and almost certainly will chose a site in the West Midlands.

The engine factory is thought to be part of a move towards full car-assembly op-erations in the United Kingdom. Last year. Daewoo said it intends to invest as much as \$6 billion in overseas car and engine plants.

Hyundai, the largest Korean car company, may also build a factory in Britain. It is completing a feasibility study for a plant that would initially build 100,000 cars a year.

The Koreans want a Western Europe manufacturing base partly because they fear that the European Union could erect barriers to Korean imports. Japan used the same strategy in the 1970s and 1980s

IMF says single currency vital to economic stability

Warning on EMU delay

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

Fund has cautioned against any delay in the launch of a single European currency, giving warning that inaction could mean turmoil in the financial markets.

Jacques Artus, deputy direc-tor of European development, and Massimo Russo, a senior adviser to the Fund, said in Washington yesterday that all countries were capable of meeting the fiscal criteria for inclusion in European Monetary Union by the deadline of January 1999.

THE International Monetary about whether European countries, and in particular Italy, could meet the targets, the IMF remained convinced these could be achieved and were essential to future economic stability.

We at the IMF believe a delay would lead to substantial dangers," Mr Russo said. Although it was still impossible to assess an exchange rate for the Euro, one would be feasible by late 1998 and must be announced to the markets as soon as possible, he added. The IMF has credited the

EMU project with pushing

through some reforms but believes it is also exacting a toll by creating business and consumer uncertainty. The latest warning came as

finance ministers of the Group of Seven leading industrialised nations met in Washington to review international economic policy.At the centre of the debate was the soaring dollar which, aided by a strong global economy and higher US interest rates, has risen by more than 50 per cent against the ven and 24 per cent against the mark since April 1995.

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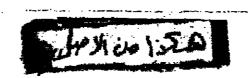
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